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NASTEVSKI — TOP DOG FOR 1989

The NSL's Players' Player of the Year, Zlatko Nastevski, receives congratulations from ABC TV soccer presenter John Bell at the awards night held in Melbourne. Beaming in the background is Federal Sports Minister Graham Richardson, who handed over the trophy to the happy but modest Nastevski.

Adelaide City star Aurelio Vidmar on the ball, stalked by Robbie Hooker (left) and David Barrett of Sydney Olympic. Vidmar scored Adcity's second goal in the 2-0 NSL Cup final victory over Olympic at Hindmarsh Stadium. Now will there be a Charity Shield match between cousin clubs Adelaide City and Marconi Fairfield to herald in the 1989/90 summer season at the end of October? — Photo by JANUSZ KAMMA.

RON CORRY

CROATIA COACH

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BY KEITH GILMOUR

FORMER Socceroo Ron Corry is the likely choice when Sydney Croatia's vacant coaching position is filled by the committee tonight (Wednesday).

The original 15 applicants have been culled down to the final three.

Ex-international Gary Cole, currently assistant coach at the Australian Institute of Sport, and an unnamed mystery figure are the other two.

The committee's choice will be made by secret ballot, but it is Corry who already has the runs on the board.

Corry joined Sydney Croatia in 1966, and has served them with quite some distinction down the years.

He held the goalkeeping spot for 14 years, and over the past six he has been Director of Youth Coaching, goalkeepers' coach and assistant coach to Vedran Rozic, who will be in Yugoslavia for a couple of years.

Corry made his debut for Australia in the 5-1 win over Singapore in Saigon in 1967, having taken over as NSW goalkeeper two years earlier.

Although short in stature, he was renowned for the never-say-die attitude that had commended him to national coach Joe Vlasits, his former coach at Canterbury.

Corry represented his country in 27 'A' internationals and six other games.

Other stars of his era included John Watkiss, John Warren, Ray Baartz, Billy Vojtek, Ray Richards, John Perin, Atti Abonyi, Manfred Schaefer, George Keith, Stan Ackerley, Alan Marnoch, Adrian Alston and Roger Romanowicz.

He was in the 1969 team which drew 1-1 with Israel before a packed house at the Sydney Sports Ground, and narrowly missed inclusion in the 1970 World Cup finals.

Gary Cole, the other main contender, is destined for a bright future as a coach.

He has developed his appreciation of the technical side of the game whilst at the Sports Institute.

As a Socceroo striker he represented in 18 'A' internationals as well a 13 other games.

Much will be expected of the new Croatia coach, after the high ticket team ran a very modest seventh in the 1989 NSL.

Both Ante Rumora and Ivan Petkovic are in Sydney.

They are available and are likely to gain their places.

Expect a concerted move to retain Graham Arnold, despite Sydney Olympic's push to obtain his services.

Wally Savor could be off to St George, with an exchange and financial adjustment deal being done for Mike Grbevski.

Mark Jones, who did not repeat his 1988 form, has agreed to stay and should show his full potential.

Likely to move on are Sean Ingham, John Krajnovic and Craig Foster.

Tony Franken is expected to begin training by December or January, following his knee reconstruction operation, and meanwhile Jeff Olver could be on the job.

Manis Lamond will be an automatic choice now that Robbie Slater has gone.

David Seal and three youngsters from the under 19 squad will represent the club's future hopes.

But what of Tony Krslovic?

Expect some hard bargaining between Sydney Croatia and St George's Frank Arok.

BIGGEST SELLING SOCCER NEWSPAPER RIGHT ACROSS AUSTRALIA

ASF asks Frank Arok to submit coaching blueprint

BY TED SIMMONS of AAP

SOCCEROO coach Frank Arok has been asked by the Australian Soccer Federation to draw up a blueprint on Australia's future coaching requirements.

In Melbourne last week Arok and the ASF commissioners discussed a wide range of coaching issues aimed at boosting Australia's international rating.

The ASF next year plans to change the role of the national coach to a full-time position with an assistant coach, if finances are available.

"We asked Frank what would be required for a full-time coach and how he viewed the position," said ASF chairman Ian Brusasco.

"He told us what he thought a full-time coach should expect, the direction to be taken in coaching and the need for more skilled coaches in Australia.

"During the talks, we also asked him whether he thought we were heading in the right direction and the cost of coaches with special reference to the proposed two full-time positions."

Brusasco said the talks were not finalised and that Arok had been requested to return with a more detailed response after studying the situation.

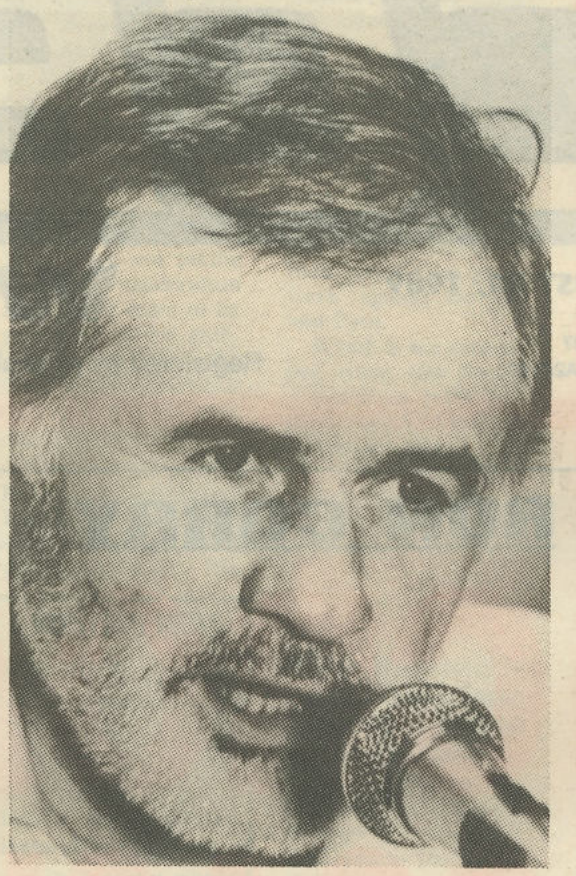
"The aims and objectives are for Australia to qualify for everything and to go as far as possible in everything," he said.

"Finances are a big problem but we have a minimum of $1.1 million a year for the next five years from new sponsor, the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation, as well as the proposed nationwide levy."

The commissioners also had useful discussions with representatives of the National Soccer League and further talks were planned.

Brusasco said administrators would have to look immediately at the change of season to summer soccer, and especially at transfer deadlines.

The meeting had a limited number of items for discussion because of the pilots' strike and the commissioners expected to meet again within two weeks.



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Thin-skinned NSL officials

BY LOU GAUTIER

THOSE thin-skinned NSL officials who reacted negatively to press criticism of the 1989 grand final organisation have missed the point.

The media can also do their sums.

It did not take a genius to figure out that with Sydney Olympic in the grand final, whose other participant was the team which attracted the most spectators in the regular season, the crowd was always going to be a large one.

Actually, an anticipated attendance of 25,000 had been bandied around by several soccer scribes.

NSL officialdom can hardly take any credit for the size of the crowd.

The press, especially the SYDNEY MORNING HERALD which gave the event saturation pre-game coverage and the Greek and Italian-language media, can take most of the credit for the 23,000-plus crowd.

So can officials of both clubs who rallied their supporters to whip up the sort of infectious enthusiasm which almost sells out stadiums.

Almost, but not quite, and that's where the NSL brass goofed.

Had the grand final been the only game played in Sydney on August 13 and more attention paid to distributing free tickets to the tens of thousands of youngsters who play the game, via their junior associations, gates at the 27,000-capacity Parramatta venue would have been closed 30 minutes before the kick-off.

The press did not lambast the occasion — which was truly magnificent — but the manner in which the NSL went about "entertaining" the fans once they filed into the stadium.

What made the press "sit back and laugh" was not the forecast of a "24,000 attendance", as one NSL official put it, but the botch-up of the pre-game presentation.

And that was enough to make a grown man cry.

If one wanted to be uncharitable, one could say the 1989 grand final was such a memorable occasion despite the NSL . . .

Soccer, not rugby is tops in South Africa

Action from a Kaizer Chiefs v Moroka Swallows game featuring Joe Mnini (left) and Absalom Thirdwa.

SOCCER, not rugby union or cricket, as ASW has often pointed out, as in John Warren's column in the August 16 issue, is the major sport in troubled South Africa.

The following article from the prestigious TIMES of London puts the picture right.

David Hands reports from Port Elizabeth:

You do not have to work hard to see the vivid contrasts in South Africa.

A look out of the hotel window suggests one, the peaceful Sunday street market, the children black, white and brown playing together among the swings and roundabouts.

Yet 24 hours earlier, several people had been arrested there as they protested against the international players from Britain, Ireland, France and Australia who were in Durban to open the South African Rugby Board's centenary tour.

That same evening, on a day when there had been not inconsiderable unrest throughout the country, led by the Mass Democratic Movement, the lead item on the television news was the rugby union match at Kings Park between Natal and the International XV.

The following day the Sunday Times, of Johannesburg, devoted a substantial part of its front page to a report and picture of the newly-selected Springbok XV. Never has rugby's hold on the country been better illustrated.

Yet it is an illusion, in its way.

On the Saturday, some 40,000 mainly white but not exclusively so, spectators sat down at Kings Park to watch the rugby.

The "house full" signs had been hung out by the local media earlier in the week, prematurely as it turned out.

A month earlier there had been 70,000, nearly all coloured and black, spectators crammed into the same venue for the double-headed semi-finals of the John Player Smooth soccer competition.

Last Sunday there were 25,000 to watch the first leg of the John Player Smooth final, on a day when a bus strike prevented many low-paid but intensely enthusiastic soccer supporters attending.

The rugby goal posts had been taken down and the football nets set up for the encounter between Iwisa Kaizer Chiefs, the country's leading soccer club, and Moroka Swallows, both out of Johannesburg.

National Soccer League chiefs here suggest that it is their game which best represents life as it should be led in South Africa.

It will be a fascinating exercise on September 2 to compare the support for two big events in Johannesburg: the second rugby international at Ellis Park and the second leg of the soccer final.

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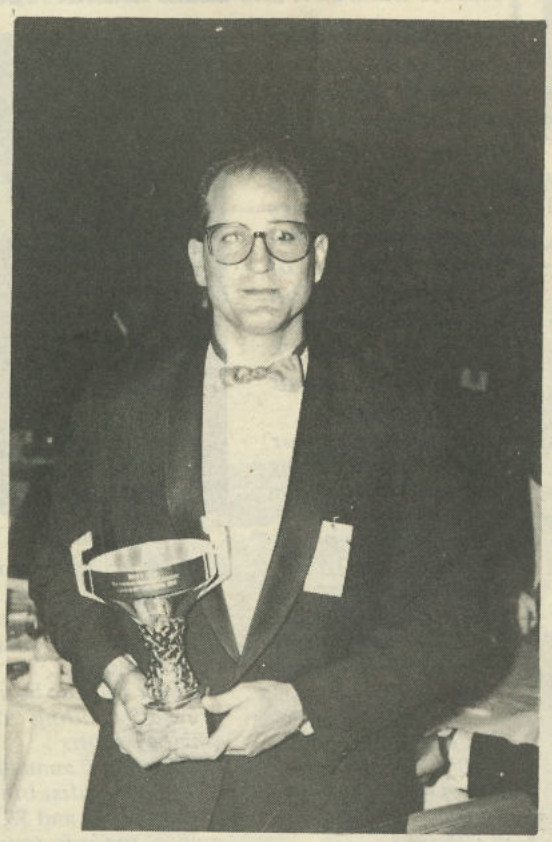
NSL 1989 PRESENTATION NIGHT — HYATT ON COLLINS



MONDAY 21ST AUGUST

AT LEFT: Joe Rados (Melbourne Croatia) — the National Youth League South Player of the Year.

BELOW: Craig Sharpley (Sydney Olympic) National Youth League North Player of the Year receives congratulations from ASW writer Alistair Russell.

ABOVE: Berti Mariani — Coach of the Year. AT RIGHT: Zlatko Nastevski is congratulated by ABC TV presenter, Peter Gee.

Revelry by night

MARCONI FAIRFIELD — 1989 CHAMPIONS

MARCONI PARTY gathers around the season's spoils. Rear from left: manager Cliff Pennells, Zlatko Nastevski, secretery Keith Charles, Remo Nogarotto, coach Berti Mariani, physiotherapist Spencer Thorpe. Seated: Ferruccio Carniato, president Tony Labbozzetta, Steve Calderan, Ian Gray.

Australian under 21 Player of the Year for the second year running — PAUL TRIMBOLI. Away in Malaysia as a Heidelberg grest player, he missed the big function.

In pursuit of excellence

BY MIKE JOHNSON

IT is interesting to note that our two most numerous sets of supporters, the Yugoslav nations and the Greeks, do not have one club which has allowed its coach to settle for an extended period of years.

The exception that proves the rule was Sydney Croatia's commitment to Vedran Rozic.

Sydney Olympic, with Manfred Schaefer and now Eddie Thomson, has at last seen the sense in allowing coaches to build at clubs, rather than each season throwing together some hastily assembled playing structure that often falls down in a heap when the storms beat upon it and it is really put to the test.

Berti Mariani, after Marconi's grand final win, said he was washed up and tired.

Some have suggested that Berti will not remain in coaching, but will specialise in his other areas of expertise in the marketing and promotion of soccer.

Coaching and playing in the Australian professional game, no matter what the divsion, and even in the youth representative leagues, is very strenuous.

Work, family, training and travelling all take their toll on a coach's energy over a nine-month period out of one year.

Ray Richards (left) and Manfred Schaefer — comrades in arms in the heady days of the 1974 World Cup finals.

It probably is true to say that our pros are even more dedicated than the full-time professionals in Europe.

Take Casey de Bruin, currently coaching Wollongong Macedonia in the NSW State League.

For several years he coached Blacktown City, part of the time in the National League.

That entailed two two-hour car trips three to four nights a week from Wollongong to Blacktown and back.

Then, of course, the weekend journey to Adelaide or even Sydney again, plus the pressure of the coaching burden.

On top of that Casey worked on his feet all day five days a week in Wollongong.

A friend of mine, Phil O'Connor, the Australian striker, also made that long trek day in day out from Wollongong to Blacktown.

It eventually killed him in a car accident.

Berti Mariani, in fact, does work full-time, being involved in general club duties at Marconi as does Frank Arok at St George.

During my own two-year full-time stint at St George we found that we worked massive amounts of hours through the day waiting for the night till training started.

So I can understand Berti's fatigue. However, the indications are his tiredness was from the continual pressure to get first place with the club now classed as Australia's Number One.

But all in coaching need to get a result.

I sat with Raul Blanco the other night watching Avala beat Rockdale Ilenden 2-0 at Seymour Shaw Park in Miranda, Sydney.

The pitch was wet and brown through the middle, the lights were gloomy and there was a crowd of 6000.

The match was not of terrible significance, Rockdale were second bottom but free from relegation worry.

Avala were assured of a top four berth while posing no threat to top team Melita Eagles, who now seem assured of entering the summer National League if they wish to move up.

With National League over till November, the State Leagues now hold the spotlight until their promotion and relegation issues are settled.

Manfred Schaefer, down in Victoria with Brunswick Juventus, must have been starting to believe that he too may be coaching in National League in November, but who expected it to be with Apia?

Schaefer, stopper in the 1974 Australian team which made the World Cup finals in West Germany, has made the biggest impact as a coach of all the '74 Socceroo squad.

Surprisingly, he is the only one currently holding down a first team coaching position out of the whole '74 national squad.

Jim Fraser, Harry Williams, George Harris, John Warren, Ray Richards, Bobby Hogg, Doug Utjesenovic and Jimmy Rooney are some who flirted with coaching, but never really went on with it.

Save perhaps Rooney who has had involvement at various levels at various times, including assistant to Vic Dalglelish with the under 16 Joeys.

Having coached Manfred, along with many of the other aforementioned players at St George, one would not necessarily expect that it would be he who would ride the coaching reins most comfortably.

Few might have fancied him to do the successful job he did at Sydney Olympic.

One would expect Raul Blanco to do well in coaching.

He has chosen to nail his colours to the Melita flagpole and it is here that he has made his impact.

His example — like Frank Arok at St George, Eddie Thomson at Sydney City, John Fleming at Wollongong, John Gardiner at Sunshine, Zoran Matic at Adelaide City — indicates the value of a coach or manager-coach staying an extended period of years with one club.

Two years ago I coached representative kids at St George along with Utjesenovic.

We both finished mid-table and were roundly criticised.

I remember former national team coach Joe Vlasits taking over a NSW Second Division team.

They finished bottom and were relegated.

Coaches need players for success, but they also need time.

Often they get neither and virtually have no chance.

"Why does Raul want promotion?" I asked half joking of his wife sitting next to him that night at Seymour Shaw Park.

"He will multiply his problems ten-fold."

Raul smiled.

A big fish in NSW State League, Melita is a tiddler in National League.

Unlike Sunshine's Gardiner, Blanco does not go after the practical with aggressive, percentage football.

He has always preached and sought "beautiful" soccer.

It is hard to play beautiful football if your players are out of their class.

So Raul may in November hear derision directed at him from Melita supporters, when for two years he has heard applause.

And let's hope Manfred Schaefer has some money up his sleeve.

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I wish I had. So many are great people serving others and striving for excellence.

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Soccer competes for Govt. bucks

KEITH GILMOUR and ELLIE NAZHA report

AUSTRALIAN Soccer Federation general secretary Alan Vessey is engaged in discussions with the Australian Sports Commission over soccer's share of the $100 million four-year cake for sport made available in the recent federal budget.

ALAN VESSEY

Vessey said: "Our first submission was made last April, after which we had consultations over our priorities.

"At this stage no sport is aware of what it will receive, but we believe our funds will receive a big boost.

"In particular, we are looking for funding of international travel as well as for the national coach and directors of coaching.

"The overall support to be given to sport generally is, of course, greatly appreciated.

"We will have the opportunity to meet the commission for discussions before the entire matter is finalised.

"We have made it quite clear that it is impossible at youth and under 16 World Cup level to compete against the best, unless we have money to travel for build-up games against good sides."

Soccer has every right to expect to share in the $100 million windfall the government will spend on sport and recreation over the next four years.

Let's hope that the world code is not neglected as it has been in the past.

$100 million will be spent over the next four years on sport and recreation.

In 1989-90 $55 million will be allocated to sport.

$27 million will be given to intensive training centres around Australia and the government will concentrate its funding on Commonwealth and Olympic games sports.

To help fund the Australian Olympic team for Barcelona the government will provide $7 million out of the $26 million needed.

Australia has to field a separate Olympic soccer team due to the restrictions placed by FIFA which has stipulated an age limit of under 23.

Therefore, hopefully, the under 23 Socceroos will receive their fair share of the proposed Olympic funding.

$4 million will be allocated to drug testing and education programmes and $1.4 million was allocated to Aussie Sports on an annual basis.

There will also be increased funding for women's sports .

$1 million annually will go to disabled sports people and $8.5 million towards training young coaches and umpires.

$12.6 million over four years will be allocated to assist national sporting organisations.

Soccer is not only a national but an international sport worldwide.

Australia fields teams at under 16, under 20, Olympic and World Cup levels and soccer should be recognised as our most international sport and should certainly get its fair share of the government's proposed funding.

$51.7 million will be allocated for elite athletes in the next four years.

Grants from $2,000 to $10,000 will be distributed to Australia's top 315 athletes and encouragement grants from $1,000 to $2,000 will be distributed to 300 potential athletes.

Australian soccer players also belong to the elite and maybe grants such as these could keep young talented Australian players in Australia.

Our players have been neglected far too long by lack of funds and recognition.

Senator Richardson said: "The management of some of our biggest sports has been inadequate, we have to know that improvement is taking place."

Touche — something for our national and state federations to think about.

The chairman of the Australian Sports Commission, Ted Harris, described the package as "the most significant breakthrough in the funding of Australian sport."

Its now up to soccer's top echelon to ensure that our game gets its rightful slice of the pie.

PICTORIAL TRIBUTE TO ADELAIDE CITY

WINNERS OF THE 1989 NSL CUP

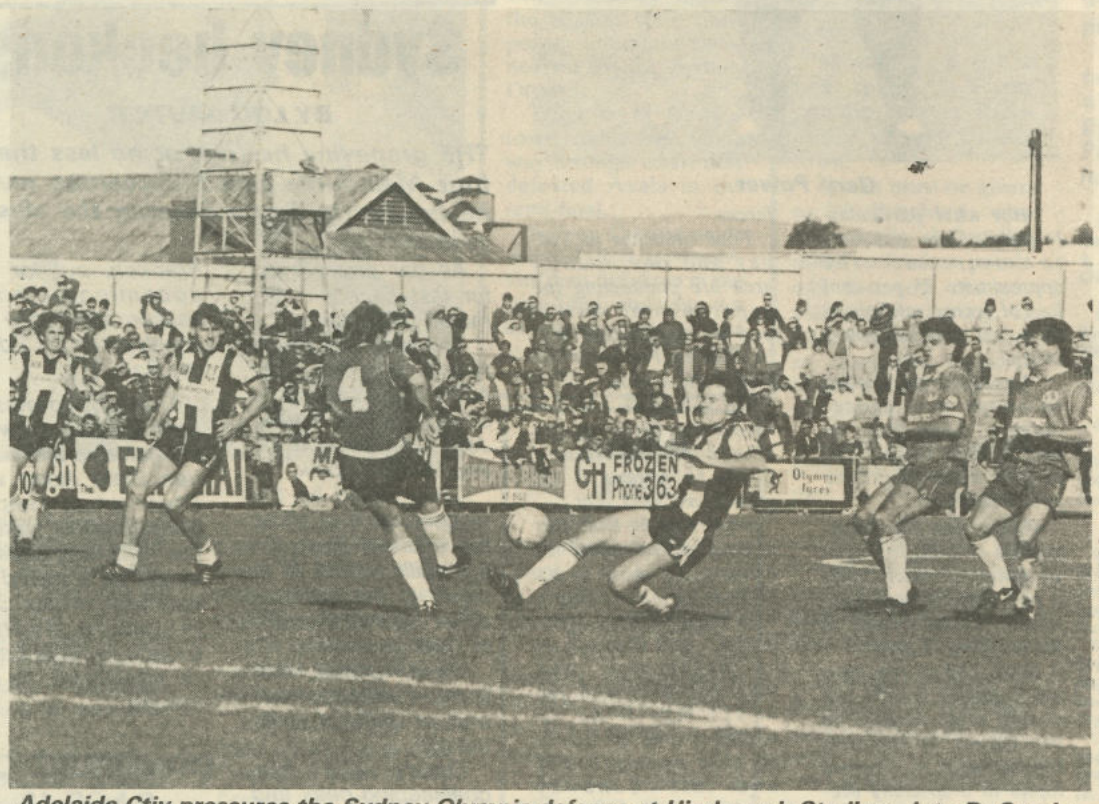
STEVE MAXWELL (No10) of Adcity tussles with David Barrett of Sydney Olympic.

ABOVE: Sydney Olympic's Andrew Bernal leaps high above Adelaide City's Player of the Year, Milan Ivanovich.
BELOW: Adcity skipper Sergio Melta responds to the joy of the supporters. Arrowed: Former club superstar Bugsy Nyskohus.

Dejection personified . . . losers Sydney Olympic reflect on what might have been — From left: Steve Georgakis, Alistair Edwards, Eddie Thomson.

Winning coach Zoran Matic.

THE NSL CUP



Adelaide Ctiy pressures the Sydney Olympic defence at Hindmarsh Stadium. L to R: Sergio Melta, Steve Maxwell, Robert Hooker (No 4), Joe Mullen, Andrew Bernal, Gary Phillips.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS

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"Manny" coming home

BY ADAM BOHMAN

BRUNSWICK Juventus bent over backwards to allow coach Manfred Schaefer to return to his home base of Sydney to take over as boss of the Apia Leichhardt club.

The Melbourne outfit could have held Schaefer for a further year under his contract, but decided to release him as he wished to be back with his family.

Schaefer was originally engaged by Brunswick in their bid to retain their position in the National League for the 1989 season.

However, they dropped back to the Victorian State League and Schaefer was retained in a bid to win promotion.

At present the club has a two-point lead over Latrobe Valley club, Morwell Falcons, and a game in hand to boot.

They are in a strong position to compete with the top club in South Australia and to vie for that elusive NSL berth.

It is now certain that Brisbane premiers North Star will not contest the series due to lack of sponsorship. Adelaide Hellas will represent South Australia.

Brunswick Juve president Dominic Tenuta has had an exceptionally good working relationship with the former Socceroo and Sydney Olympic and St George coach, but he is adamant that the club expects Schaefer to remain until the end of the Victorian State League season in five weeks time.

Schaefer says: "I hope to be back in Sydney at some stage in September.

"I have to sort through the present APIA playing staff and decide who will be needed and what extra players I will require.

"Club president Nick Papallo has advised me I will have a very satisfactory budget to make the improvements needed.

"I wouldn't have gone to APIA had I not received a three year contract.

"It is not possible to do the job in any less time."

Mr Tenuta said: "Manfred is quite prepared to finish the season in Melbourne.

"Our ambitions obviously centre on being in the NSL when it kicks off again on November 5.

"It is no time to change coaches midstream."

Schaefer concluded by saying: "Coming to Melbourne was something that I had to do, but the APIA offer means that it is time to be back with my wife and family.

"Due to the co-operation that club president Domenic Tenuta has always given me, it will certainly be a wrench to leave Juventus."

As a sidelight Schaefer's daughter Kim is a goalkeeper with the Australian womens national team.

She was given the name of 'Kim' as she was born at the time Schaefer was playing in Korea with the Socceroos. The name is the equivalent of Smith in Australia.

Raznjevic back with Croatia

BY ELLIE NAZHA

ZELJKO ADZIC

MELBOURNE Croatia has pulled off a coup by re-signing Ivan Raznjevic for the 1989-90 season.

Apart from spending last year to good advantage with the club, Raznjevic has 18 years experience behind him in the United States and Canada.

He will be bringing his family to Melbourne from the United States on October 1.

In the last NSL season he coached the club to a very creditable fourth place on the ladder.

A compromise was reached on terms for 1989/90 season by telephone with Raznjevic in the United States.

He had been negotiating a worthwhile increase in his pay packet from the club.

Raznjevic is expected to scout around for an outstanding recruit in the United States after the success he had with Zeljko Adzic, the former Hamilton Steelers striker.

Adzic proved a high scorer in the NSL this year, despite being handicapped with a continuing injury, which he only overcame in the final series.

Adzic wished to become manager-coach with the Melbourne club, but it is believed that he will basically fulfill coaching duties.

Raznjevic is extremely exacting in his preparations.

He has commenced computerising the strengths and weaknesses of his opponents so that he will have a complete analysis available to ready his players for the coming matches .

He sees the computer age as providing a valuable tool in game plans as well.

"Today a coach has to be right up to date in scientifically analysing all aspects of football, he said.

"It is not enough just to know your tactics and to be able to keep your players highly motivated.

"The additional dimension available in the scientific approach can mean the difference of winning on one hand and a draw or loss on the other."

PRESTON Makedonia has appointed Ljube Jancev as its coach for the coming season.

The move was the first one made by the new committee headed by John Branov, who has returned after a two year absence.

Branov, a Melbourne solicitor, has been the mainstay of the club's operation over many years.

Jancev was the assistant to senior coach Andon Doncevski last season.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA S.C.

'Hands on' practice helps new referees

BY TED SIMMONS

AUSTRALIAN soccer is trialling an idea which involves new referees getting practical on-field experience by running their first games in conjunction with a senior referee.

The scheme, which has not been tried anywhere else in the world, is the brainchild of top Australian referee Gary Power, who is the Referees and Schools Development Officer in NSW.

Power worked on the scheme after a freak accident with a skateboard took him out of soccer for nearly four months.

In January, a young boy lost control of his skateboard which crashed into Power's right calf, rupturing the muscle and requiring extensive physiotherapy before he could return to his refereeing activities.

"The compulsory layoff gave me time to think about referees in general and why there always seems to be a shortage in nearly all sports," he said.

Gary Power

"But what particularly puzzled me was how to overcome the approximate 75 per cent loss of soccer referees in their first four years as a official.

"I realised we needed to adopt new procedures to keep them as part of their district and to give them confidence and competence."

Power has part-completed a development programme which takes a new referee from completion of his exams to his handling of games.

Stage one is the entrance paper while the second stage focuses on the career of the new referee with six lecture topics in a specially prepared kit dealing with problems which exist for beginner referees.

Under the scheme, a new referee will accompany onfield a senior referee who will explain position, the use of the whistle, signals, fouls and control while handling a series of games.

Over the next few weeks, the new referee will carry a whistle and make certain decisions with the senior referee as backup.

To complete the early programme, the new referee will have sole control of the next three matches with the senior on the sideline to watch and report.

"Normally, new referees get very little feedback on their performance and I honestly believe this system has enormous possibility for use overseas," said Power.

"There's nothing like it anywhere else in the world although the Soviets at one stage used two referees without any linesmen to help overcome a shortage.

"The object of the scheme is to produce more and better referees."

Four branches in Sydney and one country area are conducting the experimental system and an evaluation will be sent to Power at the end of the season.

He will make changes and modifications where required and hopes to release it for general use next year.

"Theory is fine but practice is better and it's easier to learn by following an example established by a role model," said Power.

"Referees and associations around the world may wind up issuing a vote of thanks to that wayward boy and his runaway skateboard."

— courtesy AAP

PERSONALITY PLAYER

DAVID REZO
(Sydney Croatia)

NAME: David Rezo
DATE OF BIRTH: 16.1.62**HEIGHT:** 170cms
WEIGHT: 68kg
MARRIED: Yes, to Marina. Son Daniel 3 months.
HOME SUBURB: Alfords Point
NICKNAME: Rezz
CAR: Gemini
OCCUPATION: Carpenter
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Ian Rush
FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Zarko Odzakov (Blacktown), Graham Arnold (Croatia).
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning Northern Division 1986
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Missing the 1988 grand final, due to having a cartilage operation
FAVOURITE POSITION: Midfield
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis and golf
FAVOURITE FOOD: Spaghetti marinara
FAVOURITE ACTOR: Dustin Hoffman, Eddie Murphy
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: The Cosby Show
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: It was mainly my own effort
AMBITIONS: To play as long as I can and to keep enjoying my game. Also to win a grand final — the only club honour I have missed out on so far
MOST PROMISING TEAM MATE: David Seal
PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Eddie Murphy

— Compiled by KEITH GILMOUR

Sydney beckons

BY LOU GAUTIER

THE grapevine has it that no less than four Melbourne-based Socceroos may be headed to Sydney during the close season.

All bar one played for last season's demoted NSL teams.

The quartet believed to be targetted by NSW clubs comprises of Garry McDowall, Jeff Olver, Oscar Crino and Warren Spink.

Crino would be the biggest catch of all as his midfield playmaking skills would fit in nicely in the plans of either Sydney Olympic or Sydney Croatia.

He is reported keen to move although he is one of JUST's part-owners.

Olver is at his goalkeeping peak and may be the ideal replacement for Tony Franken, out for the upcoming summer season after knee reconstruction, at Edensor Park.

Uncompromising defender McDowall, relegated to the Victorian State along with Olver when Heidelberg finished last in the 1989 NSL season, would be a sound investment for any club, including Sydney Croatia as Wally Savor is reported to be leaving.

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South Melbourne off to Hawaii

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS leave tomorrow (Thursday) for a seven-day end of season holiday in Hawaii.

Left midfielder Peter Tsolakis told ASW last night: "It is going to be a great trip and we are all looking forward to seeing Hawaii.

"We plan to do some surfing, visit Pearl Harbour and soak up plenty of sun whilst there.

"It's been a long season and before summer soccer starts this trip will be a good rest for us all."

The Hellas players have been contributing a weekly installment into a kitty during the season to finance the trip.

The tour organiser was Hellas centre-back Steve Blair, who works for the RVAC where he made all the arrangements.

The Victorians will stay at the lavish Waikiki Gateway Hotel and are due back in Melbourne on September 7.

Steve Tasios, Paul Trimboli, Kim Taliadoros and Peter Tsolakis have just returned from a 12-day tour of Malaysia where they were guest players for Heidelberg United who played four exhibition matches there, including one against the Malaysian national team.

Heidelberg won all four games, scoring nine goals and conceeding only one.

KIM TALIADOROS

Soccer in strife over a suitable Canberra ground

BY GRAHAM COOKE

SOCCER, one of Bruce stadium's most regular tenants for a decade, appears to have been forgotten in the ACT Government's rush to woo sports to its plans for the facility.

Apart from The Canberra Raiders' rugby league matches, the ACT minister for sport, Paul Whalan, has mentioned VFL fixtures, international rugby union and night cricket as possibilities at the stadium — but not a word about soccer, despite the fact that ASF is on record as saying it wants to continue to bring international matches to Canberra.

For many years the Canberra City NSL side was one of Bruce's most regular users. City was relegated from the national competition in 1986 and after a further season found the stadium's rental too high for its more modest attendances in the NSW State League.

Paul FitzPatrick . . . Bruce Stadium "sacrificed".

But even so, soccer staged three events there in 1988: the Olympic Games qualifier between the Socceroos and Chinese Taipei, the Gold Cup third place play-off when world champion Argentina played Saudi Arabia (coaches of both teams described the quality of the playing surface as world class) and the ACT Ampol Cup final between CCAE and Croatia Deakin.

In addition, ASF chairman Ian Brusasco said in Canberra recently that he would like to see the Socceroos pay regular visits to the city, while the renamed Canberra Croatia's push to regain NSL status could still see a role for Bruce in that area.

Yet ACTSF executive director Paul FitzPatrick has had just one communication from the ACT Government on the matter. "I came into the office one morning about two months ago to receive a message to attend a meeting later that same day," he said.

"I had several other appointments which I could not break at that short notice, so I could not make it."

But FitzPatrick did write a letter to the current ACT Chief Minister, Rosemary Follett, shortly after the launch of the ALP's policy on sport during the territory's election campaign.

In it he asked if a Labor Government would sell the current rugby league ground at Northbourne Oval for development in order the facilitate the Raiders' rugby league move to Bruce, and if so would they replace it?

"The ACT already has a shortage of enclosed ovals — especially those used for the four football codes," FitzPatrick wrote. "If no new oval is developed, the four football codes will be competing for a *limited resource which will have become even* more limited."

He fears the desire to make dollars out of Bruce has clouded local politicans' perceptions of the harm they are doing to ACT sport in general.

"Take the case of Canberra Croatia. It will cost a lot of money to upgrade Deakin Oval to NSL standard, and I doubt it can be accomplished in time for the NSL summer season should Croatia win promotion," FitzPatrick said.

"In that case Bruce would be the only alternative — and it's going to be out of commission for the entire summer.

"For the sake of one sport which already has a stadium, the ACT Government is going to jeopardise the chances of the representative of another sport playing in a national competition.

"Bruce Stadium was set up to stage national and international events, yet now it is going to be sacrificed to a sport which is seriously played in only a handful of nations."

Once rugby league was played there on a regular basis, the surface would quickly deteriorate below that required for present-day international soccer. "There is no way it will be considered as a venue for the 1991 World Youth Cup, for instance," FitzPatrick believes.

"Surely the ACT Government should want to keep as many people as possible onside. Is it not the role of Government to serve the community?"

Sam Panetta is set for Italy

BY ADAM BOHMAN

SAM PANETTA, 17, an exceptionally talented mid-fielder from Warringah-Freshwater, will be trying his best to persuade Italian first division clubs AC Milan and Bologna and also third division side Kroton that he has what it takes.

These three Italian clubs have offered Panetta three months to perform to his potential. If he impresses, a contract may result.

"He is a coach's dream. He listens to everything you say and gives it his all on the training and playing field.

"He's definitely got what it takes to reach the highest level."

Panetta, who recently represented NSW under 18s, is taking it all in his stride and he shows no sign of nerves.

"I'll just try my best and see what happens from there," he said with a shrug of the shoulders.

Warringah director of coaching, Richard Alagich, is confident that Panetta's trial will be succesful.

"Sam is one of the greatest talents to come out of Manly-Warringah in the last 10 years." he said.

"He is fast, aggressive and has a high technical understanding of the game.

"It's top standard soccer over there. It would be hard to break into, so I'm not really expecting too much.

"I'm just looking forward to getting there and having a run."

The Italian trip was lined up with help from Panetta's cousin and Freshwater under 17 coach, Rocky Carlino.

Youth League at Cook Park

THE Grand Finals of the Mitre metropolitan representatives and the Umbro youth league will be contested on Saturday at Cook Park, St Marys.

The first kick-off is at 10am, when Canterbury plays Sutherland in the under 11 match.

These two teams finished on top of the First Division but Canterbury will be considered the favourite as they have not lost a match all year.

Centenary Cup winners Macarthur will meet St George in the under 12 final, and while many believe that the toughest game was played last weekend between Macarthur and Granville, there is no doubt that Saints will be out to upset the boys from Campbelltown.

The under 13 match is again between the two teams finishing top of Division One, and this could prove a classic

There is little between the two teams, although Sutherland may suffer from the loss of one of their players who was sent off last weekend.

St George must be considered to be hot favourites for the under 14 title, as they finished the season some nine points ahead of their nearest rivals, Sydney Olympic.

They meet Bankstown, who won their way through when they defeated Avala in the semi-final.

Sydney Croatia made more of their opportunities than did Apia in the semi-final, and were not as convincing as the scoreline of 3-0 might suggest.

YOUTH LEAGUE

RESULTS
CREST GROUNDS,

U11: Canterbury 1 Manly 0, Sutherland og 7p Sthern Dists 0g6p.
U12: Granville 0g5p Macarthur 0g6p, St George 2 Bankstown 1.

BATES DRIVE, CREST, BLICK OVAL

U13: Sutherland 2 Sthern Dists 1, Marconi 3 Gladesville 1, Warringah 2, Sydney Ol 1, St George 1 Macarthur 0.
U14: St George 0g6p Sthern Dists 0g5p, Avala 2 Sydney Ol 1, Bansktown 1, Central Coast 0, Rockdale 1 Apia 0.
U15: Syd Croatia 4 Sthern Dists 1, Melita 1 Warringah 0, Apia 1 Polonia 0, Sydney Ol 2 Macarthur 1.
U17: Syd Croatia 4 Sthern Dists 0, St George 2 Warringah 1, Syd Olympic 4 Macarthur 1, Apia 6 Blacktown 1.

SEMI-FINALS

U13: Sutherland 2 St George 0, Marconi 0g4p Warringah 0g3p.
U14: St George 4 Rockdale 2, Bankstown 1g5p Avala 1g4p.
U15: Sydney Ol 2g4p Syd Croatia 2g2p, Melita 0g3p Apia 0g2p.
U17: Syd Croatia 3 Apia 0, St George 1 Sydney Ol 0.

NSW Women's State League

THE games last weekend basically decided the winners of Division 1 and under 17 unless major upsets occur.

The under 17 looks likely to be won by Blacktown, who should beat bottom placed Richmond at the weekend to win the premiership by at least a point.

Moorebank must beat tough St Marys and hope that Richmond upsets Blacktown.

Credit must be given to Mt Pritchard, who continually defies the odds and takes points off the top teams, although playing at least two players short as they did against Moorebank on the weekend.

Credit must also be given to the girls who play for Richmond.

These players, who are all very young, are soundly beaten each week but continue to turn out and learn for next season.

A new Division 1 champion looks like being crowned this year.

Liverpool Olympic has been the model of consistency all year and have some very talented players. They deservedly look to have the championship wrapped up.

The game on Sunday between Putney and Liverpool was a tight affair in difficult conditions.

The difference between the sides was that Liverpool scored two goals with the wind, and Putney replied with only one.

In Division 2 the race is still wide open with Southern NSW, Epping-Eastwood and Putney Town recording good wins.

DIVISION 1

Shamrocks v Epping 0-1, Central Coast v Sutherland 2-1, Mt Druitt v Blacktown 2-1, Liverpool v Putney Town 2-1.

DIVISION 2

Gladesville v Epping 1-9, Sydney Olympic v Southern NSW 0-6, Mt Druitt v Blacktown def, Liverpool v Putney 1-2.

UNDER 17

Gladesville v Richmond 12-0, Sydney Olympic v Bass Hill 0-2, St Marys v Blacktown 2-4, Mt Pritchard v Moorebank 1-1.

POINTS

DIV 1: Liverpool 23, Mt Druitt 18, Putney 17, Blacktown 15, Epping 12, Central Coast 6, Sutherland 4, Shamrocks 3.

DIV 2: Southern NSW 20, Epping 16, Putney 15, Liverpool 14, Mt Druitt 9, Blacktown 8, Gladesville 5, Sydney Olympic 1.

U17: Blacktown 20, Moorebank 19, Mt Pritchard 16, Sydney Olympic 14, Bass Hill 13, Gladesville 13, Mt Marys 8, Richmond 0.

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Greg Woodhouse saves Louis Dounis' penalty on Saturday. Avala won 1-0 — Photo HECTOR CARRASCO.

A draw at Seymour

SUTHERLAND Shire and Rockdale Ilinden turned on soccer for the purists in their 1-1 draw at Seymour Shaw Park last Sunday.

With only their pride at stake, the two sides decided to play an open and entertaining brand of football much to the delight of the small band of supporters.

Sutherland struck early with Craig Hill notching his fourth goal of the season.

He received the ball some 35 metres out and wide on the left.

His looping drive sailed over the head of keeper Alan Andrew and into an unguarded net.

Ex-Shire star Greg Lerond was the man to start the move which landed the equaliser.

He crossed for Darren Wilson to knock the ball down into the path of Richard Buchanan and the youngster made no mistake from some eight metres away.

"I feel that we played well enough in the second half to win but we simply could not find the net. The loss of Paul McFadden through injury, Roy Cotton through retirement and an unexpected move by Michael Lardis has left too big a gap in our front line,'' said Sutherland coach Bill Rigby.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE: Dart, Edmonds, Seller, Terry, Nelson, Ensor, Parsons, Hutcheon, Biscaya, Hill, Sharpe.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Andrew, Segretto, Wilson, O'Donnell, Buchanan, Chilas (Genovese), Lerond, Bedoni, Markovski, Dounis, Deveridge.

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FIRST DIVISION with ALEX VESIC

Woodhouse the hero!

FORMER Socceroo keeper Greg Woodhouse showed he had lost none of his ability with a brilliant late save to preserve a 1-0 Avala win over Rockdale Ilinden at Knight Park on Saturday.

Top striker Louis Dounis had the chance to square accounts with a 78th minute penalty.

But his fierce drive failed to beat the catlike Woodhouse.

Avala scored its only goal through Chris Ackerley in the 42nd minute.

David Fitzharris did the spadework and Ackerley raced in to slam home the ball.

Victory assured Avala of a play-off spot while Ilinden remained floundering in second last position.

AVALA: Woodhouse, Quarmby, Brockbank, Henderson, Ashton, Gendle, Berry, Dragomirescu, Ackerley (Rix 81st), Radovic (Nastoski 74th), Fitzharris.

ROCKDALE: Andrew, Segretto, Wilson, O'Donnell, Buchanan, Chilas, Lerond, Markovski, Bedoni, Dounis, Deveridge.

Brown settles the issue

Greg Brown netted his 15th goal of the League season to settle the issue at the top of the ladder as Melita brushed past Wollongong Macedonia to win by 1-0 at Kelly Park last Sunday.

Aytek Genc floated his free kick from almost on the side line into the penalty area and Brown rose above the defence to head past Craig Burchmore, Macedonia keeper to give his side a well deserved victory.

The Melita striker almost made it 2-0 in the closing stages as he belted another header towards goal but was denied by a good save from Burchmore.

Burchmore, like his opposing keeper Alex McPherson should take much of the blame for this low scoring game as he made some great saves and in particular one from Brown in the 73rd after some good work by Hugo Gimenez and Aytek Genc.

The game opened up with a cracking pace with Wollongong showing its intentions early by putting a number of crosses into the area but McPherson the Melita keeper showed his experience to deny the home side.

Brett Thornthwaite's cross in the 27th found John McKie but McPherson was allert diving at the feet of Wollongong forward to smother the shot.

A shot by Thornthwaite six minutes later from the edge of the box was briliantly saved by McPherson then came a header from Graeme Fletcher equally well saved by the Melita custodian.

Jorge Cerro almost surprised Burchmore with a well directed shot three minutes before half time but the Wollongong keeper was allert to make a fine save.

The game turned midway through the second half; John McKie corner kick found Fletcher but his header went inches wide then ten minutes later came the header from Brown that decided the issue.

Melita's defence led ably by Washington Gonzalez stood tall in the closing stages to take the points that are destined to give the red and whites a 1989 birth in the new summer soccer National League.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Burchmore, Cavanah, Gallway, Wilson, Bourke, Kay, Sandy, Bradley (Caban 81st), McKie, Fletcher, Thornthwaite.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson, Dickinson, Williams, Barrios (Meerbani 63rd), Gonzalez, Callanan, J.Cerro, Gimenez, G.Cerro (Versi 54th), Genc, Brown.

NSW State League Div 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melita Eagles	19	14	4	1	43	13	32
Canberra Croatia	20	14	1	5	42	20	29
Avala	19	10	4	5	23	14	24
W'gong Macedonia	18	11	1	6	28	20	23
Newcastle Austral	19	8	4	7	22	17	20
Polonia	19	9	2	8	20	21	20
Canterbury	17	7	3	7	27	23	17
Warringah Freshwater	17	3	8	6	15	20	14
Sutherland	17	3	6	8	12	22	12
Inter Monaro	19	6	0	13	25	40	12
Rockdale Ilinden	18	4	3	11	16	29	11
Penrith Uruguay	18	2	2	14	13	47	6

U/19

Melita Eagles	19	14	3	2	43	14	31
Canberra Croatia	18	12	5	1	45	8	29
Avala	19	9	5	5	34	19	23
Canterbury	16	9	4	3	40	21	22
Newcastle Austral	17	4	8	5	30	27	16
Rockdale Ilinden	18	6	4	8	29	29	16
Sutherland Shire	17	6	4	7	22	27	16
Wollongong Mac.	18	4	7	7	21	31	15
Inter Monaro	18	4	6	8	22	31	14
Warringah F'water	16	3	7	6	20	26	13
Polonia	18	2	7	9	13	44	11
Penrith Uruguay	16	0	4	12	11	53	4

Top Scorers

15. Greg Brown (Melita Eagles)
10. Gary Cole (Canberra Croatia).
9. Tony Parison (Canterbury), Tony Lemezina (Canberra)
8. G.Fletcher (Wollongong)
7. M.Perinovic (Canberra), Oustambasidis (Canterbury).
6. Giampaolo (Inter), Genc (Melita), Janduda (Polonia), Ackerley (Avala).
5. Versi (Melita), B.Porter (Newcastle), Radovic, (Avala), Reis, (Canberra), Caban (Wollongong).

NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE LEAGUE ONE		
Avala v Rockdale	1-0	2-0
Newcastle v Inter Monaro	4-1	2-3
Penrith v Warringah F'water	2-1	2-2
Wollongong Mac v Melita Eagles	0-1	1-1
Sutherland v Rockdale Ilinden	1-1	0-1
Avala v Polonia	0-1	0-1
Canberra v Canterbury	3-1	2-1
STATE LEAGUE TWO		
Bathurst '75 v SSC Yugal	3-2	5-0
Dulwich Hill v Campbelltown	0-0	1-3
Mt Druitt v Orange Waratah	0-2	3-1
Sydney Mac v North Shore	2-0	3-1
Bankstown v Waverley	*1-1*	*2-1*
Campbelltown v SSC Yugal	1-1	3-0
Fairy Meadow v Dulwich Hill (U19)		3-3
FEDERATION LEAGUE THREE		
Blacktown Utd v Central Coast	0-8	0-10
Hills United v Port Hacking	3-2	2-1
Moorebank v Mt Pritchard	1-3	0-4
Uni of NSW v Concordia (U19)		3-3
FEDERATION LEAGUE FOUR		
Trasandinos v Croatia Syd Jnrs	2-1	3-1
Eastwood St And v Cyprus United	2-0	0-1
Hajduk Rangers v Spanish Club	0-0	1-1
Padstow v Fairfield	2-0	3-3
Nineveh Eagles v Petersham	0-4	4-2
North Ryde RSL v Hawkesbury	3-1	5-0
FEDERATION LEAGUE FIVE		
Sydney Uni v Arncliffe	1-2	1-1
SSC Zagreb v Blacktown W	6-1	0-1
Sporting Peru v Colo Colo	0-2	0-3
Macquarie Uni v Chile Sports	1-1	for
CSI Schofields v Concord Juniors	1-0	0-2
FEDERATION LEAGUE SIX		
Prospect Utd v Abruzzi	6-1	1-2
GNS United v Belmore Hercules	0-1	0-5
Alexander v Cobreloa	3-0	2-1
Ashour Star v Sydney Lebanon	for	for
Liverpool City v Maccabi Hakoah	0-2	3-3
Lithgow v WD Hellas	0-0	2-0
FEDERATION LEAGUE SEVEN		
St Josephs v AS Noantri	5-1	2-1
Korean v Fogolar Fulan	0-2	1-2
Pagewood v Aust Romanian	3-0	1-0
Luddenham v Assyrian	3-2	1-2
Lemnos Allstars v Balmain PCYC	1-3	2-1

Uruguay Penrith celebrates

Bottom placed Uruguay Penrith came from behind to grab its second win of the season with a 2-1 victory over Warringah Freshwater at Cook Park on Sunday.

Penrith, beaten 10-2 by Inter Monaro last week, showed no ill effects from the Queanbeyan debacle to storm all over Warringah.

Its tenancity was rewarded with a 35th minute penalty when Mark Moffett was brought down inside the box.

Alvaro Perdomo deceived keeper Dragan Pupovac but struck the post.

Penrith's miss was duly punished just minutes into the second half when Robert Stuart coolly lobbed the keeper to give Warringah the lead.

Mathew Bourke, who scored that great goal against Rockdale Ilinden a week ago, repeated the effort with a 25-metre piledriver which beat Pupovac in the 52nd minute.

Eight minutes later Penrith grabbed the winner.

Alvaro Cabral, the 16-year-old sensation from Penrith, drew two players before placing an inch perfect cross for Moffett to head past the keeper.

Penrith may be on its way down to the Second Division but watch out for some of its players.

Other Penrith prospects to stand out were Bourke and Bernie Volloder who never stopped trying

URUGUAY PENRITH: Carbajal, Gonzalez, Moffett, Baillie, Garcia, Bourke, Volloder, Perdomo, Clavijo (Aravena), Cabral, Paz.

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER: Pupovac, Pearse, Knight, McCue, Dean, Corrigan, Campbell, Etherington, Cimarosti, Pillemer (O'Neal), Stuart.

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Here and there

GEOFF Ball of Sutherland Shire is set to challenge for the presidency at the next Annual General meeting.

The likeable manager feels that the time is right to put his nomination forward.

If he is successful he would replace Sutherland's globetrotting supremo Peter Gray.

★★★

MELITA EAGLES appear set to win the State League competiton and earn the right to apply for a position in the NSL.

Despite strong rumours that Melita will ask for NSL status, it will not be known until after the grand final if they are going to do so.

"We believe that winning the right to claim a place in the NSL is our first priority, but we must put the question of that appeal before our members and their decesion will be our directive," said Sam Vella, Melita's hard-working secretary.

★★★

ARLINGTON Oval, the home of Canterbury Marrickville Olympic, has for years had a Press Box. A couple of years ago the floor boards disappeared and have never been replaced.

John Xipolitas is seen at Canterbury home games perched on a piece of metal sheeting inside the Press Box urging his players forward.

As if being a club coach was not dangerous enough for your health.

★★★

THE demise of Warringah Freshwater in the last seven days was partly caused by the injuries to some key players.

However, one of the key players appears to have given the game away — struck by the love bug!

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Sutherland moves up

SUTHERLAND Shire overcame Warringah Freshwater 2-1 last Wednesday night at Cromer Park to ease away from the State League cellar.

Warringah lacked punch at vital stages and Sutherland made the most of those lapses.

The game was switched from the main arena and the poor lighting and rough surface made skilful soccer difficult.

Craig Hill scored after a solo run in the 30th minute to give Sutherland its lead.

But an unfortunate clearance by Brett Nelson found his own net to level the scores in the 58th minute.

Sutherland was not to be denied.

A Paul Edmonds header in the 75th minute wrapped up the points.

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER: Pupovac, Corrigan, Knight, McCue, Pearse, Glassock, Campbell, Etherington, Cimarosti, Pillemer (Dean 58th), Stuart.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE: Dart, Edmonds, Seller, Terry, Nelson, O'Shea, Parsons, Hutcheon (Christodolou 46th), Biscaya, Hill, Sharpe.

Action from last Saturday's Avala-Rockdale match at Knight Park. Pic by HECTOR CARRASCO.

Super strike by Kulwicki

LASEK Kulwicki, Polonia's hard-working midfielder, struck a superb 30-metre drive in the closing stages of the match at Knight Park to give his side a narrow 1-0 victory over Avala last Sunday.

Kulwicki, the player who sunk Canberra Croatia last week with a superbly taken free kick at Chopin Park, showed no respect for ex-Socceroo goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse as he slammed a fierce shot from well outside the box.

Hard as he tried, Woodhouse was left gasping for air as the ball cleaned the cobwebs in the top left hand corner of the goal to enter the net.

Polonia, still with an outside chance of snatching a top four berth, had to beat Avala but struggled early against some well organised attacks by the home team.

In fact, Avala could have had the game won in the opening period as Miodrag Radovic was left with a simple task of scoring a goal on three occasions, but made a mess of it by missing the lot.

Led by Richard Lasek and Craig Thompson, the Polonia defence appeared to improve greatly in the second period, denying the Avala forwards any room to move.

And while Polonia missed its star import Jaroslaw Nowicki, its midfield with Henjek Mojsa and the ever-present Kulwicki always had the measure of Avala's engine room.

In the closing stages it was Polonia who struck through Kulwicki in the 84th before defending stoutly for six minutes to keep both points.

AVALA: Woodhouse, Quarmby, Brockbank, Henderson, Ashton, Gendle, Berry, Dragomirescu, Ackerley, Radovic, Fitzharris (Rix).

POLONIA: Thurlow, Chou, C.Thompson, Lasek, Kulwicki, Collusso, Mojsa, Andersen, Beamer, Janduda, G.Thompson.

Berries picked at Deakin Oval

BY GRAHAM COOKE

FORMER Canberra City goalkeeper Chris Hummel returned to his old club in Canterbury's colours, but a storming display could not prevent his team going down 3-1 at Deakin Oval on Sunday.

Croatia started slowly, but improved as the game wore on and by the end was more than worth its win.

Canterbury lost two players within five minutes of each other midway through the first half — George Kalogeras through injury and Nick Plantaniotis who was sent off after being involved in an incident with Croatia's Marko Perinovic behind play.

But Kalogeras' replacement Tom Divljak went on to challenge Hummel as man of the match.

The one-time youth international gave a taste of what was to come when he made three saves in two minutes early on.

The first, from a header by Perinovic, was pure reaction.

Former Socceroo Marshall Soper, playing steadily in Canterbury's midfield, hoisted a long ball forward for Anthony Parison.

The nippy striker went round George Kulscar and looked likely to score until brought down from behind by Jason Dunn.

Spiro Hantzis netted from the spot.

That lead lasted less than two minutes as a foul tackle on Alan Reis led to a Croatia free kick about 30 metres out.

Kulscar pumped the ball forward, obviously hoping to find a teammate.

Instead it bounced once and was watched into the net by defenders and attackers alike.

Tom Sermanni forced another save out of Hummel, then Cary Cole, surrounded by defenders and with his back to goal, managed to touch a pass for Lemezina to slam past the Canterbury keeper.

The visitors pushed forward and three consecutive corners ended with Gunning cleaning up.

Then, in one of the best moves of the game, Hummel reacted catlike to save point blank from Cole.

The ball ran loose to Lemezina whose shot was just wide of the keeper's arm to make it 3-1.

And still there was more as Hummel continued to frustrate his former club, pushing a header from Dunn round the post and saving at dart-board range from Reis.

CANBERRA CROATIA: Gunning, Junna, Mazis, Dunn, Young, Kulscar (Dukic 90th), Sermanni, Cole, Perinovic Reis, Lemezina.

CANTERBURY: Hummel, Adamov, Hantzis, Papoythis, Radman, Plataniotis (set off 20th), Soper, Godzik, Parsion, Kalogeras, (Divljack 23rd), Oustambasidis.

Referee: M Pollack. Crowd: 432.

KEITH WARREN, the Rockdale keeper, goes gloves and all for the shot from Newcastle's Brett Porter at Austral Park, Birmingham Gardens. Photo: DAVID BROWN.

Gonged at Kelly Park!

WOLLONGONG Macedonia's challenge for a place in the NSL went with the wind that blew across Kelly Park in Wollongong last Sunday.

Striker Greg Brown with his 15th goal of the season ended speculation about his team's chances of success this year and Macedonia's possible challenge.

Canberra Croatia continued its tilt with a fine 3-1 win over Canterbury Marrickville at Deakin Oval but will need a minor miracle to pip Melita.

Melita would need to lose five points in its remaining three matches to present Canberra with an opportunity.

In fact, the Eagles need just a draw against Canberra at Melita Stadium to make sure.

Warringah Freshwater went stale last week, losing to Sutherland Shire and Uruguay Penrith by the identical 2-1 scoreline while Avala managed a win and a loss over the weekend.

It grabbed a 1-0 victory over Rockdale Ilinden on Saturday but slumped by the identical score to Polonia the following day at the same venue, Knight Park.

Sutherland had a profitable four days with a 2-1 victory over Warringah last Wednesday night at Cromer and a 1-1 draw against Rockdale on Sunday.

Spare a thought for the never-say-die Penrith which came back from a 10-2 drubbing at Monaro last week to subdue Warringah at Cook Park.

Inter Monaro player questioned by Police

AN Inter Monaro player was questioned by Wallsend Police late on Sunday night following a sudden scuffle as the players walked off Austral Park with Newcastle a clear 4-1 winners over the Queanbeyan side.

As players trooped off the field it was alleged that an Inter Monaro player struck an official who was escorting the referee from the field of play.

The official suffered facial injuries in the attack and was treated at the club immediately.

It was an unfortunate end to an entertaining game with Newcastle Austral at long last showing its true colours to demolish the visitors in fine style.

Mark Elrick opened the scoring in the 12th minute following a well executed free kick by David Jones.

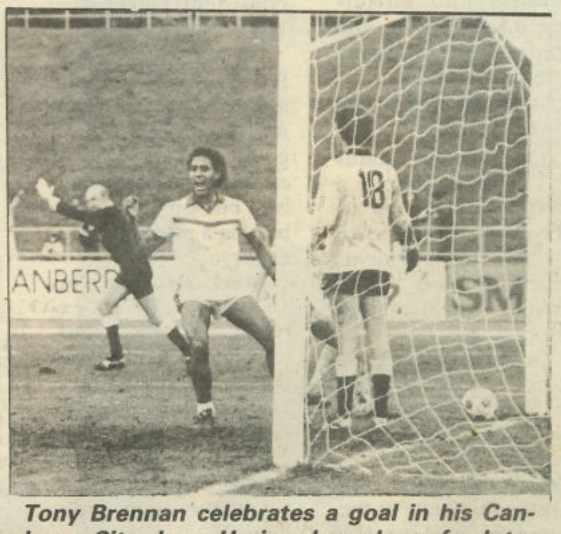
Eight minutes later and Jones was in the thick of things again as he strode past Tony Brennan before sending in a low cross for Wayne Bailey who needed two bites of the cherry before beating David Pokas in goal for Inter Monaro.

Craig Carter, the Newcastle keeper, was ajudged to have impeded the progress of an Inter Monaro forward and Alan Strachan made no mistake from the spot to cut the arrears to just one goal after three minutes of the second half.

Newcastle came back through Robert Holden who was on hand to smack one wide of the keeper after some good work by Wayne Bailey in the 59th.

Another great move by Bailey and Holden eight minutes later resulted in further opportunity in front of goal for Simon Brandt and the writing was on the wall for the visitors as the Newcastle striker found the net.

N.S.W. FIRST DIVISION with ALEX VESIC



Tony Brennan celebrates a goal in his Canberra City days. He is a key player for Inter Monaro these days.

NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL: Carter, Bowen (Penfold), Jones, Owens, Boogaard, Devon (Shell), Elrick, McWhirter, Bailey, Holden, Brandt.

INTER MONARO: Pokas, Grassick, Strachan, Santolin, T.Popovic, Carbone, Djordjeski, Brennan, N.Popovic, Ambrosino, Giampaolo.

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This Week's Matches

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2

DIVISION 1

Canterbury M'ville	v	Wollongong Mac.	Arlington Oval
Polonia	v	Inter Monaro (U19)	Chopin Park

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3

Uruguay Penrith	v	Polonia	Cook Park
Sutherland	v	Wollongong Mac	Seymour Shaw
Melita Eagles	v	Warringah	Melita Stadium
Rockdale	v	Inter Monaro	TBA
Avala	v	Newcastle Austral	Knight Park

DIVISION 2

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2

Yugal	v	Sydney Macedonia	Mona Park
Campbelltown	v	Mt Druitt	Bensley Road
Bathurst '75	v	Manly Warringah	Carrington Park

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3

Bankstown	v	Granville Chile	Potts Park
Dulwich Hill	v	Nth Shore	St George Stadium
Yugal	v	Orange Waratah	Mona Park
Sydney Macedonia	v	Gladesville	Jensen Park
Fairy Meadow	v	Waverley SC	Brandon Park

DIVISION 3

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3

Uni of NSW	v	Central Coast	Little Bay Oval

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3

Sth Districts	v	Rooty Hill	Ernie Smith Reserve
Port Hacking	v	Mt Pritchard	TBA
Moorebank	v	Concordia	Hammondville Oval
Hills United	v	Canterbury District	Fred Caterson Res
Blacktown United	v	Rosebery	Francis Park

Kick-off times: First grade 3pm, Under 19 1pm, unless otherwise stated.

See a top State League match this week!

NSL CLUBS REVISITED

Apia's bumpy road

BY LOU GAUTIER

Despite an inglorious 10th place in the final standings, few of the handful of remaining club faithful would complain about Apia's 1989 NSL season.

Most had anticipated the season with trepidation following internal changes as relegation looked a distinct possibility.

That a drop in status was never on despite a spate of injuries to players is a tribute to the new management, now deposed coach Mike Urukalo and to the players.

Getting off to a good start, Apia flirted with the Top Five and were actually lying in fifth spot after Round 18 before collapsing in a heap at the business end of the season.

The club was in the unfortunate position of suffering more injuries to players than any other NSL side and more often than not Urukalo had to scratch for fit men amongst his walking wounded.

Holders Apia lost their grip on the NSL Cup, but there again did much better than expected by reaching the semi-finals after disposing of champions Marconi.

In a season of precious few highlights and minuscule home crowds at Lambert Park, the Leichhardt outfit fought bravely with the limited means at their disposal.

Lack of funds prevented "big" off-season transfers. Consequently, it was indeed a motley crew which defended the club's famous maroon colours in 1989.

Captain Tony Pezzano preached by ex-

ample. The only ever-present with 26 league appearances, he was also the team's most consistent player over the season.

New boy Mirko Radosavljevic anchored a defence which conceced 35 goals with obvious, if at times reckless, relish, but on the whole he was a positive influence.

Mark Brown, who also possesses an explosive temperament, was another mainstay of a defence which lacked flair and was far too stereotyped to cause the league's more potent strike forces too many problems.

It couldn't have been a coincidence that the high-flying Marconi slammed nine goals past Pezzano in the regular season.

Off-season buys Craig Mason and Steve O'Connor are now in the veteran stage and neither reached the heights at Leichhardt, with the latter often warming the bench.

Both, however, did show glimpses of the form that served Australian soccer so well in the not too distant past.

Jim Webber, who joined the first team after five rounds, performed solidly but it was Englishman Bruce Halliday who stole the limelight in defence after making his debut against St George in Round 8.

Pedro Ricoy was the lynchpin of the midfield, but his potential has yet to be fully tapped and he probably didn't quite achieve all the club expected of him in his 24 appearances.

Alex Bundalo's season was hampered by injuries — a fate he shared with several team-mates — but he proved a match-winner when he was fired up.

Brian Ellem, transferred from Blacktown, gave a good account of himself and is a player to watch, as are Young Socceroos Milan Blagojevic and Peter Murray.

Young Tony Franze, John Consentino and Tony Pisano hardly had a run in the first team.

It was hard to see the logic in coach Urukalo's reluctance to give his younger players a run towards the end of the competition when the team could neither make the top five or be relegated.

Surely, that was the time to experiment, like South Melbourne and Wollongong City did.

Free transfer John Kosmina showed there is still a lot of running in him and he would have scored more than six goals had he received better service. His signing was a positive step.

The club's top scorer, Rod Brown, another player plagued by injuries, ran hot and cold but proved a match-winner as his goals contributed to eight of Apia's league points.

Manfred Schaefer, in the coaching hot seat next season, will probably have to make do with precious few reinforcements in view of the club's precarious financial situation.

The Apia assignment is sure to test his mettle as the club attempts to revive former glories.

BACK ROW l to r: Kevin Hagan, Mirko Radosavljevic, John Kosmina, Tony Pezzano, Steve O'Connor, Darren Stewart, Craig Mason, Peter Murray. FRONT: Mark Brown, Alex Bundalo, Pedro Ricoy, Rod Brown, Brian Ellem.

NSL finals format is the one and only way to go

BY GREG BLAKE

THAT's it, end of argument.

If I never hear someone rubbishing the NSL finals system ever again it will be too soon.

The 1989 grand final proved for once and all time that the finals system is the way to go in the NSL.

It is the most marketable product we've ever come up with and that memorable Sunday when over 23,000 turned out at Parramatta Stadium for the Marconi vs Olympic clash proved that beyond doubt.

The NSL — indeed the game of soccer itself — has very little credibility amongst Australia's general community.

Thus, whatever we do must be considered in the context of what is good for the game.

And was the 1989 finals series good for the game?

You bet it was.

In Melbourne you'll still find those wretched, stuffy bores who've spent the past month or so huffing and puffing about the traditions of the first-past-the-post method of deciding a championship.

Which is all well and good overseas where our code of football is the undisputed king.

But 23,000 bums on seats at Parramatta told the traditionalists to go and blow their hot air elsewhere in a most emphatic fashion.

Quite the loveliest phone call ASW has had to its Melbourne offices in recent times came from a nice Liverpudlian lady the day after the 1989 grand final.

She related that she and her husband had watched both the English Charity Shield game and the NSL grand final played on the same weekend.

Not only, she said, did they compare favourably, she and her husband actually enjoyed our local version more.

"I had no idea how good the game here was," she said in her unmistakably thick scouser accent.

"Until the ABC started covering the game we couldn't have cared less about the local national league.

"But the grand final won us over."

Enough said.

Frankly, I'm still surprised that anyone could possibly be against the finals system now.

OK, so it's not 'traditional'. But isn't our NSL still young enough for us to establish our very own traditions?

Soccer in this country is in no position to bargain with success and, as we've seen in the past two years, the top five championship decider is nothing if not a huge success.

We've tried three points for a win, divisions, conferences and now we're going for summer soccer.

All untried, tried and failed experiments.

The top five play-offs have become the NSL's only, at least at this stage, really marketable product.

It is bringing us into line with Australia's other major sporting competitions — ie aussie rules, rubgy league and union, cricket and basketball — and that can only help us to develop a rapport with the general public.

It is instantly recognisable and there are few sporting 'Norms' who will not sit down and warm to a grand final of any sport.

PETER RUSSELL (NSL)

They love a 'big event'.

And a packed house at Parramatta is certainly that. The pinnacle of the season with all the crowds, the colour and the two best teams, meeting in mortal combat.

The figures prove that even our died-in-the-wool fans want it.

In the glory days of Melbourne's championships during the mid-1980s a total of 83,000 fans passed through the turnstiles for finals games in 1984/85 and 86.

In the days of the old Northern Division crowds of 11,000 and 13,000 attended the 1986 and 1985 grand finals respectively.

The 1986 two-legged Adelaide City vs Sydney Olympic play-off drew an aggregate 23,000.

And you cannot argue with the 17,000 and 23,000-plus of the past two seasons.

The fans love the colour, the atmosphere and the associated drama in the build-up to games.

The argument that by adopting the finals system we fall out of step with the rest of the world is garbage.

Surely, the FA Cups and even World Cups are nothing more than knock-out finals type competitions.

I rarely recall a World Cup-winning nation not being rightly acknowledged as the best team of that particular era.

Knock-out cup winners are always revered as worthy winners.

Why is this not so of the finals?

It comes down to the season's best teams pitted head-to-head playing in front of the biggest crowds and under enormous pressure.

That, I would suggest, is the test of a true champion team.

In a recent soccer column I read somewhere that 'a respected world soccer journal' had ridiculed the system and suggested that it was 'indecipherable'.

It seems pretty easy to me.

And the result of the equation is success for the NSL. That's what counts.

Coaches might whinge about the vagaries of injury and suspensions during the finals.

So what — coaches whinge all season long about the very same things.

Injuries might cost a team dearly during the regular season as well.

It's all academic and those problems tend to even themselves out over the balance of the year anyway.

And you'll never, even hear the coach or fan of a winning finals team complaining about the system.

As they say, winners can laugh and losers can please themselves.

As for the system not being fair, that too is rubbish.

If you finish first (the co-called minor premiers) you're given two games to win over four weeks and that month means plenty of time to scout the opposition, ease back injured players and generally get mentally right for the big occassion.

The top team even gets another chance if it loses a game.

To finish second or third you must win three times and you finish with another chance if you drop a game.

Fourth or fifth and you must win four in succession.

If a team can beat the best other four in the land in succession it deserves a title.

There is little to justify any bleatings about dropping the finals as part of today's NSL.

It's a winner, that's what counts.

The most memorable games of recent years have almost all been finals and fans have kept flocking back to fill the grounds.

And I'm betting that they'll keep coming back.

My complaints number just two.

Why couldn't the ABC have seen fit to provide a live telecast of the 1989 grand final to fans out of NSW?

And how long are we going to have to wait before we see an all-Melbourne grand final?

Oh well, I guess we can't have everything.

JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

New awards system better

MOVES are afoot to establish a Charity Shield in the NSL calendar.

The Charity Shield, a la English style, would see the champion play the cup winner in the traditional season opener.

The idea could well get off the ground to kick off the new 'summer' season late October this year.

The talk is that the match would be staged in Adelaide to coincide with the Australian Grand Prix.

Adelaide City and Marconi would play in the Grand Prix week, affording Australian soccer, and in particular Adelaide City, the opportunity to attract many of the visitors to Adelaide for the Grand Prix to the Charity Shield.

It is a splendid idea whose time has come and one we hope comes off this year.

★★★

TALK around the traps during the Awards in Melbourne was the future of the National League.

It is proposed to restructure the NSL in time for the 1990 'summer' kick off in October 1990.

Most feel the NSL should return to its original format of one National League with all major cities represented with no promotion and relegation for three to five years.

The problem is which clubs stay in, which clubs are relegated to State League status.

The consensus is that a strict criterion must be set down by the NSL for participation in 1990-91 season.

Among the criterion:

Financial stability and backing.

Covered seating for a minimum of 3000 people.

Television standard lighting at home ground.

Involvement in community affairs, youth development, marketing and public relations.

Four full-time personnel — administrator, coach, media and public relations person and a development officer.

While other criteria varied, it was unanimous that the above conditions be met by any club wishing to participate in 1990-91.

All good stuff which needs following through by our NSL executive.

Zlatko Nastevski with his trophies as top NSL goalscorer and 1989 Players' Player of the Year.

IT is difficult to be critical of the NSL Awards Night staged this year at the impressive Hyatt on Collins in Melbourne.

Always a great occasion, the chance to catch up with old and new friends, the awards are deservedly THE social night of the year, particularly as Australian soccer has now lost the Rothmans Medal evening which traditionally had provided soccer with its big event of the year.

Having led the charge for years that players should vote to decide the players' awards, I am delighted that this is now the case as in all other awards.

With no disrespect to the referees I felt that with the Rothmans Medal it was asking too much of referees to also have the resonsibility of voting 3-2-1 on the "Best and Fairest".

Now the players, coaches and referees decide and that is the way it should be — the winner getting the award because his peers voted him the best.

As such, few could argue with the various winners — Craig Sharpley (Sydney Olympic), the National Youth Player from the Northern Division and Joe Rados (Melbourne Croatia) the National Youth Player from the Southern Division, Jim Reeves the Referee of the Year, Berti Mariani the Coach of the Year, Paul Trimboli the under 21 Player of the Year and Zlatko Nastevski the Player of the Year.

Only the Goal of the Year, judged by the ABC's commentary team, was open to objective assessment from "outside".

This award also went to Trimboli.

Some thoughts on the awards meant only as observations on ways and means they can be improved.

The small numbers of players present was more than noticeable.

I stand to be corrected but in an audience of 400 it is doubtful there were more than 30 in attendance.

After all, it is the players — and coaches and referees — who are being honoured and their absence to me is like having an Academy Awards Night without the actors and actresses, producers and directors.

Players are the most important people at Awards Nights and in future the proportion of players should dominate the guest list.

Past winners should all be invited.

We complain about the lack of tradition in Australian soccer but it is impossible to have tradition when we ignore those who have contributed to our game in the past.

All previous winners in all categories should be in attendance on the evening.

The national team captain should also be at the function.

I am told Charlie Yankos was not invited.

SBS-TV's award for the Most Entertaining Player should be retained.

It was dropped this year but should be reinstated, either under the SBS name or some appropriate sponsor.

And goalkeepers should be recognised.

Tell me the last time a goalkeeper won a Best and Fairest award?

John Barnes (right) in action when England were held to a scoreless draw by Sweden at Wembley last year. You can see the return match live on SBS-TV at 2.45am next Thursday, September 7.

Yardley awards

WOLLONGONG City's Ray Vlietstra won the Soccer Award at the Yardley Footballer of the Year function staged at the Hyatt on Collins Hotel in Melbourne last Wednesday evening.

Vlietstra polled the highest number of votes in the Yardley/TV Week promotion which saw Essendon's Tim Watson win the Footballer of the Year prize and rugby league skipper Wally Lewis take out his code's top award.

Vlietstra received his award from Sports Minister Graham Richardson.

The former young Socceroo star was a fine representative for our game.

His acceptance speech and general PR during the evening were a great credit to our game.

South Melbourne's Paul Trimboli was runner-up.

Wollongong City took out the Yardley Club of the Year award.

RAY VLIETSTRA — surprise choice as Soccer Player of the Year in the Yardley TV Week poll.

The winners and the runners-up

THE list of nominations for the various 1989 NSL awards were:

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — NORTH: Andrew Charlwood (Marconi), Eric Hristodoulouu (Sydney Olympic), Blago Milicevic (Sydney Croatia), Eddie Pervan (Sydney Croatia), Craig Sharpley (Sydney Olympic).

Winner: CRAIG SHARPLEY.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — SOUTH: Joe Bacic (Melbourne Croatia), Dean Fak (South Melbourne Hellas), Joe Rados (Melbourne Croatia).

Winner: JOE RADOS.

REFEREE OF THE YEAR: Chris Bambridge (Victoria), Donald Campbell (South Australia), Richard Lorenc (NSW), Jim Reeves (Northern NSW), Dennis Voutsinas (Victoria).

Winner: JIM REEVES.

UNDER 21 PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Zlatko Arambasic (Blacktown City), George Jolevski (Preston Makedonia), John Markovski (Preston Makedonia), Jason Polak (Sydney Olympic), Paul Trimboli (South Melbourne Hellas).

Winner: PAUL TRIMBOLI.

COACH OF THE YEAR: Frank Arok (St George), Andon Doncevski (Preston Makedonia), Berti Mariani (Marconi), Zoran Matic (Adelaide City), Eddie Thomson (Sydney Olympic).

Winner: BERTI MARIANI.

PLAYERS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Zeljko Adzic (Melbourne Croatia), Alan Davidson (Melbourne Croatia),Ian Gray (Marconi), Zlatko Nastevski (Marconi), Paul Trimboli (South Melbourne Hellas).

Winner: ZLATKO NASTEVSKI.

GOAL OF THE YEAR: John Markovski (Preston Makedonia), Branko Milosevic (Melbourne Croatia), Zlatko Nastevski (Marconi), Alan Scott (Heidelberg), Paul Trimboli (South Melbourne Hellas).

Winner: PAUL TRIMBOLI.

The previous NSL awards winners

UNDER 21 PLAYER	PLAYER OF THE YEAR	COACH OF THE YEAR	REFEREE OF THE YEAR
1977 John Kosmina	1977 Jimmy Rooney	1977 Rale Rasic	1978 Peter Rampley
1978 Ian Souness	1978 Ken Boden	1978 Gerry Chaldi	1979 Tony Boskovic
1979 Eddie Krncevic	1979 Ivo Prskalo	1979 Les Scheinflug	1980 Peter Rampley
1980 John Spanos	1980 Jim Hermiston	1980 John Margaritis	1981 Tim Davies
1981 David Mitchell	1981 Bobby Russell	1981 Eddie Thomson	1982 Tony Boskovic
1982 David Lowe	1982 Peter Katholos	1982 Frank Arok	1983 Stuart Mellings
1983 Oscar Crino	1983 Joe Watson	1983 Frank Arok	1984 Doug Rennie
1984 Anthony Franken	1984 Sergio Melta	1984 Eddie Thomson	1985 Donald Campbell
1985 Alan Hunter	1985 Graham Honeyman	1985 Eddie Thomson	1986 Donald Campbell
1986 Ernie Tapai	1986 Graham Arnold	1986 Dragoslav Sekularac	1987 Donald Campbell
1987 John Markovski	1987 Frank Farina	1987 Rale Rasic	1988 Chris Bambridge
1988 Paul Trimboli	1988 Frank Farina	1988 Brian Garvey	

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Stewart coach of Monaro

BY GRAHAM COOKE

ONE of Canberra's most experienced soccer players, Billy Stewart, will coach Inter Monaro in its first season in the James Hardie National League.

And Stewart immediately swung into action by naming 20 players who will represent the club in the firsts and under-19s during the coming season.

Chief among them are Monaro's outdoor captain and indoor player of some quality, Baz Giampaolo, Tony Musumeci, one of the best indoor goalkeepers in the country, and two strikers of proven pedigree, Jim Kanaridis and Tony Lemezina.

"All these players are keen and did not need a second invitation to join the squad," Stewart said this week.

"This is the first time the best players in the area have come together in one club and I am quietly confident about our chances of at least a top four place."

Stewart played for Canberra Rockets in the first season of the National League in 1985-86 and was a regular in the side that won the minor premiership and lost to Sydney Tornadoes in the grand final.

A year later he was back in the grand final, this time for the Canberra Strikers, scoring a goal which still ranks as a classic in the game.

Unfortunately he was once again on the losing side.

From the strikers he moved to their replacement, Belconnen United.

He represented Australia four times during the Pacific Cup international tournament which was held in Canberra last year.

Stewart stressed he would not be a player coach. "We have plenty of good young players and I want to concentrate on the coaching side," he said.

Monaro will be breaking new ground by having an official reserve team of youth players which will compete in the ACT competition.

The full squad is : Tony Musumeci, Darko Pokas, Baz Giampaolo, Jim Kanaridis, Tony Lemezina, Njegosh Popovich, Arsene Popovich, Alan Strachan, Luche Djordjieski, Willie Stirton, Stan Dukic, Ian Shaw, Emile Maricic, Peter Thompson, Michael Greentree, Jason Lancer, Pat Cosentine, Andrew Wallace, Simon Atchison, Paul Celestino. Coach: Billy Stewart; assistant coach: Terry Hayes.

ACT

Roberts invites clubs to Futsal

EVERY ACT club will get an invitation to play the indoor game this summer, ACT Futsal honorary executive director Jim Roberts said.

"Our aim is to create an ACT Super League based on the outdoor clubs," he said.

"Now that outdoor and indoor soccer have settled their differences we see this as an ideal way of developing both departments of the code.

"There are 26 clubs in the ACT area and everyone, from Canberra Croatia to Italo-Australian, will be asked to join.

"Of course, if the response is overwhelming we will have to seed the teams into divisions."

Initial plans call for the competition to be played at the Civic YMCA, which has accommodation for 500 spectators.

Roberts said it would not affect Futsal's plans to run already scheduled senior and junior competitions.

"I have asked the clubs to reply to the ACT Futsal office in Sports House by August 26 and any further information can be obtained from Bob McCone on 756 468," Robert said.

NOMINATIONS have been called from the ACT schools indoor championships, executive director Jim Roberts, explained.

JIM ROBERTS

"We've sent forms to all secondary schools in Canberra and we plan to run the competition in the week beginning August 28," to be held in Canberra in mid-September."

The ACT has an excellent record in the titles with Lake Ginninderra College and Hawker College beaten national finalists in previous years.

Interested schools should contact the ACT Futsal office in Sports House by ringing 57 5733.

— GRAHAM COOKE

SBS programmes until Januar

SBS has a treat in store for the lovers of the international game until the end of this year as the soccer channel builds up towards the 1990 World Cup finals.

There will be several live telecasts of European and South American qualifiers, plus edited highlights of other World Cup matches on the station's popular World Soccer show on Saturday.

The full programme of what you will see on SBS until the end of the year follows:

2/9 WORLD SOCCER — Final of the Pele Cup for veterans, Brazil v Uruguay.

7/9 LIVE — Sweden v England. World Cup qualifier via satellite from Stockholm.

9/9 WORLD SOCCER — Sweden v England. Edited replay of above.

16/9 WORLD SOCCER — Brazil v Chile. World Cup qualifier played on 3/9.

23/9 WORLD SOCCER — Austria v USSR. World Cup qualifier.

25/9 LIVE — Uruguay v Peru. World Cup qualifier from Montevideo.

30/9 WORLD SOCCER — Uruguay v Peru. Edited replay of above.

7/10 WORLD SOCCER — Colombia v Paraguay. World Cup qualifier.

12/10 LIVE — Denmark v Romania. World Cup qualifier, played in Copenhagen 11/10

14/10 WORLD SOCCER — Denmark v Romania. Edited replay of above.

15/10 LIVE — Italy v Brazil. International from Rome's Olympic Stadium, venue of the World Cup final. To be replayed in Italian soccer program, 22/10.

21/10 WORLD SOCCER — Czechoslovakia v Portugal. World Cup qualifier, played 6/10.

26/10 LIVE — Turkey v Austria. World Cup qualifier, played 25/10.

28/10 WORLD SOCCER — Poland v England. World Cup qualifier, played 11/10.

4/11 WORLD SOCCER — Yugoslavia v Scotland. World Cup qualifier, played 6/9.

11/11 WORLD SOCCER — Turkey v Austria, World Cup qualifier.

16/11 LIVE — Holland v Finland. World Cup qualifier played 15/11.

18/11 WORLD SOCCER — Holland v Finland. Edited replay of above.

25/11 WORLD SOCCER — West Germany v Wales. World Cup qualifier, played 15/11

2/12 WORLD SOCCER — Republic of Ireland v Northern Ireland. World Cup qualifier, played 11/10.

9/12 WORLD SOCCER — Israel v winner South American group 2. World Cup qualifier, date and venue yet to be determined.

10/12 LIVE — World Cup finals draw from Rome.

10/12 LIVE — Toyota Cup. AC Milan v Atletico Nacional Medellin, from Tokyo.

16/12 WORLD SOCCER — Toyota Cup. Edited replay of above.

23/12 WORLD SOCCER — Game to be chosen.

30/12 WORLD SOCCER — Year in review compilation.

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SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER
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★ NIB Tornadoes v Melbourne Buffaloes
Brisbane v Sydney Strikers

SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER
Tubemakers Prime Movers v Melbourne Buffaloes

ROUND 2

SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER
★ Tubemakers Prime Movers v Sydney Strikers
★ NIB Tornadoes v Brisbane
Melbourne Buffaloes v West Sydney Swans

ROUND 3

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER
★ West Sydney Swans v NIB Tornadoes
Melbourne Buffaloes v Sydney Strikers

ROUND 4

SATURDAY 23th SEPTEMBER
Sydney Strikers v NIB Tornadoes

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER
★ Sydney Strikers v West Sydney Swans
Melb. Buffaloes v Tubemakers Prime Movers

ROUND 5

SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER
Brisbane v NIB Tornadoes

ROUND 6

SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER
★ Sydney Strikers v Tubemakers Prime Movers
Melbourne Buffaloes v NIB Tornadoes

SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER
West Sydney Swans v Sydney Strikers
Tubemakers Prime Movers v Brisbane

ROUND 7

FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER
Brisbane v Melbourne Buffaloes

SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER
Brisbane v Melbourne Buffaloes

SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER
NIB Tornadoes v Tubemakers Prime Movers
Sydney Strikers v Melbourne Buffaloes

ROUND 8

SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER
★ NIB Tornadoes v Sydney Strikers

SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER
★ West Sydney Swans v Brisbane

ROUND 9

SATURDAY 28th OCTOBER
NIB Tornadoes v West Sydney Swans

ROUND 10

SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER
☆ Sydney Strikers v NIB Tornadoes
★ Tubemakers Prime Movers v West Syd. Swans

ROUND 11

SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER
Brisbane v Tubemakers Prime Movers

ROUND 12

SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER
Sydney Strikers v Brisbane

SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER
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ROUND 13

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Brisbane v West Sydney Swans

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Illawarra Health Fund v West Sydney Swans
Beaton Park Leasure Centre, 8pm
White Eagles v Latrobe Valley Falcons
Fairfield Leisure Centre, 3.15pm
AMIGA Commodores v Inter Monaro
Fairfield Leisure Centre, 5pm
NIB Tornadoes v Melbourne Buffaloes
Fairfield Leisure Centre, 9pm
Brisbane v Sydney Strikers
Chandler Stadium, TBA

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3
NIB Tornadoes v Latrobe Valley Falcons
Fairfield Leisure Centre, 10am
White Eagles v Melbourne Buffaloes
Fairfield Leisure Centre, 11.30am
West Sydney Swans v Inter Monaro
Fairfield Leisure Centre, 1pm
AMIGA Commodores v Illawarra Health Fund
Valentine Park, Parklea, 1pm

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West Sydney Swans v Melbourne Buffaloes
Fairfield Leisure Centre, 8pm

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2
Tubemakers Prime Movers v West Sydney Swans
Beaton Park Leisure Centre, 6.30pm
NIB Tornadoes v Melbourne Buffaloes
Fairfield Leisure Centre, 7.15pm
Brisbane v Sydney Strikers
Chandler Stadium, TBA

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Chit Chat . . . Chit Chat . . . Chit Chat . . .

FRANK BUSIC, a life member of Sydney Croatia and one of its best servants down the years, is the new president of Sydney Croatia Soccer Club, replacing the affable Rade Cikes.

Busic operates a large painting contracting company, and is determined to see that the club has a big season.

The appointment of Busic came in quick succession to a report that former president Tony Topic, now the NSL treasurer, was back in the chair.

★★★

NORTH STAR, the Queensland premier, was in a no win position if it had gone ahead and been successful in the play-offs for a Summer NSL position.

The main move is to have a major Brisbane United in placed for a revamped and greatly improved National League in 1990/91 season.

★★★

FORMER Melita Eagles defender Greg McCoy has turned his hand to coaching.

His Coffs Harbour under 19 team won the Country Youth Cup this season.

★★★

MARIO ETCHART, ASW's South American football expert, will be involved in the presentation of upcoming SBS Television live matches.

The next from the South American continent is Uruguay v Peru from Montevideo followed by the big Italy — Brazil clash from the Olympic Stadium in Rome.

★★★

WHEN receiving his award as Australian Players' Player of the Year, Zlatko Nastevski said: "I've been a player for 20 years, and you would not believe the time I have spent practicing football."

Judging by the huge margin in his favour in the ballot box, both his Marconi squad and the opposition agree that practice makes perfect.

★★★

NEWCASTLE Austral skipper DAVID JONES won the toss only once in twenty occasions this year . . . so much for the much trumpeted Law of Averages.

By the way, congratulations are in order to the experienced Novocastrian, as he has a date with destiny when he marries Michelle on October 28.

★★★

APIA president Nick Papallo is making a strong bid to obtain Leichhardt Oval for the summer season. For some time Leichhardt Council has had its eye on Lambert Park for use as a specialised hockey field. APIA has done considerable work at Lambert Park, which the council no doubt will recognise. Meanwhile APIA is strongly rumoured to have obtained additional finance.

★★★

KIWI international Robert Ironside is back home in New Zealand. He is believed to be quite homesick, and says he may not return to play in Australia.

Apparently he has told Sydney Olympic that he will line up again with them if he returns.

★★★

TERRY SEACY, the former NSL referee and president of the NSW Referees Federation, has been appointed marketing manager for Blacktown City.

He has been provided with a worthwhile budget, and both he and the club believe that the time has arrived for the real push into the big time.

★★★

NEGOTIATIONS are going on with Channel Nine in Adelaide to screen a delayed telecast of next month's Foundation SA Player of the year award at the Hilton International.

A short but sgnificant segment is also likely to be screened on Friday, September 22.

★★★

NSL Cup-winning coach Zoran Matic looks like staying with Adelaide City next year.

Matic was tired and drawn after the club's success in the NSL Cup final, and claimed at that stage he would like to stop coaching.

But a rest in the sun is expected to brighten up his thinking, and he is expected to lead City into the new summer season.

The club also would like to fix up with a couple of recruits from interstate to boost its next NSL challenge, after missing out in the play-offs for the past two seasons.

★★★

STATE of Origin football — the missing link in promotion of the soccer code in Australia — could receive a boost.

The NSW Federation is finally likely to dip its feet into hot water and invite the Maroons for a return game.

If NSW moves as expected, it should ensure that an early move is made with suitable promotion plans so that the game receives its proper coverage. State of Origin soccer has the potential to become big business in Australia.

★★★

IT is understood that Sydney Croatia's asking price for Graham Arnold is $45,000, with Sydney Olympic offering $30,000 for the Socceroo striker's services at this stage.

It is surely time for 'Arny' to move on. Olympic would gain from his services, but there is more wheeling and dealing still to come.

★★★

TALKING of Sydney Olympic, it seems that Peter Raskopoulos could make a return from his premature retirement.

At 27 Raskopoulos has a wealth of experience behind him to international level, together with rare ability in both vision and distribution.

It seems that he is quite prepared to knuckle down and get on with the job.

★★★

ASF commissioner Ron Archer knows what it is like to be at the pinnacle in sport.

A Test all rounder from 1952 to 1956, he played in the same Australian cricket teams as Lindsay Hassett, Ray Lindwall, Keith Miller, Arthur Morris, Ron Harvey, Richie Benaud, Alan Davidson and Don Tallon.

He brings tremendous expertise in commercial television to soccer, having served for 20 years as general manager of Brisbane's Channel 0 (now Channel TEN).

He is, incidentally, not to be confused with his brother, former Test batsman Ken Archer.

Archer said: "I was glad to be invited into soccer. It is the international football game, one in which ability counts, and not brutal and physical as are competitor codes.

"I think it will be found that a small committee can achieve more than than a big group, and we are working on it.

"In looking for a facelift to the game, the relegation system versus the franchise system must crop up."

★★★

IT seems that GARY COLE is well in the race to take over as coach of South Melbourne. Cole, the former Socceroo striker and one of the NSL's alltime top scorers, recently has been assistant to Ron Smith, the Australian Institute of Sport head soccer coach.

Certainly it will be interesting to see where Brian Garvey lands. He has proved an astute fossicker for talent, with special reference tosecuring up and coming players at reasonable prices.

Chilean visits Australia

RAUL Fernandez, head of Universidad Catolica's Soccer School, is in Australia on holidays.

The First Division Chilean club has one of the best soccer schools in the world, where children between the ages of seven and 13 learn the skills of the country's most popular game.

Raul Fernandez, 27, has been involved with the school for the last five years, and his idea is to run similar soccer camps in Australia during next year's school holidays.

Fernandez, while visiting ASW, expressed his views about Australian soccer.

"At professional level Australian soccer lacks basic skills, but physically and mentally the players are very well prepared," he said.

"At youth level, the coaches should teach the kids the importance of ball control, and other basic techniques related to work with the ball.

"Australian soccer could improve substantially if coaches achieve a mixture of the South American skills with the natural physical capacity of the Australian players.

"If that is possible, Australia could well be among the best teams in the world".

— MARIO ETCHART

Twirling the baton — half-time entertainment at a Blacktown City game at the Croatian Sports Centre.

THE finals of the Commonwealth Bank under 15 Turner Cup will be held at the outstanding Speers Point ground on Lake Macquarie on Wednesday September 6, with the semi-finals being staged on the previous day.

★★★

JOHN GARDINER could be coaching Brunswick Juventus, the Victorian club which is aiming for NSL status again.

The capable Scotsman had decided that it was time to move on from his longtime club, Sunshine George Cross.

He is widely credited with having kept them floating in the National League, in spite of having to do so on a shoestring budget.

★★★

BLACKTOWN CITY striker Zlatko Arambasic is in his first year of a teaching course at the Australia College of Physical Education in Sydney.

He aims to continue on to obtain his degree.

George Haniotis obtained his teaching qualifications at the same college.

★★★

ADELAIDE CITY must be delighted that it obtained the services of Yugoslav Milan Ivanovich when they did.

They only lost three out of the 19 games they played after he arrived.

★★★

ABC TV featured excerpts of 93 NSL matches during the past season. They were shown on 14 Saturdays and 15 Sundays.

★★★

FRANK AROK will be building plenty of work into his two week trip to Europe.

The St George and *Socceroo coach leaves* next Wednesday and will visit Belgrade, Novisad, Zagreb and Budapest.

He will be updating on latest aspects in youth coaching in these cities.

★★★

OTHERS travelling are Sydney Olympic coach Eddie Thomson and his assistant, Mick Hickman.

Thomson will be spending up to five weeks in Scotland, whereas Hickman will be visiting England for three weeks.

★★★

THE NSW Soccer Federation is considering the appointment of a marketing manager.

It is believed that they have been discussing the possibilities of Socceroo skipper Charlie Yankos taking over the post.

In addition NSW is facing the need to secure a property manager. There are far too few booking for the first class accomodation at Valentine Park, and plenty of vital projects to be placed in hand.

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No dice for North Star in NSL

QUEENSLAND will not have a representative in the National League promotion play-offs this season, for the first time since the three-way round-robin was introduced three years ago.

North Star last week clinched the XXXX League premiership with two rounds to spare, and therefore also the right to represent Queensland in the play-offs against the Victorian and South Australian champions.

But the club is expected to announce officially this week that there will be no NSL bid.

It will be the third consecutive year that the three-way play-off has been only a two-team affair. In 1987, Brisbane Lions beat West Adelaide Hellas after Victoria's Polonia opted not to contest the play-offs.

Last year, Heidelberg downed Brisbane City after Adelaide Croatia declined to enter the series.

North Star vice president Neil Sullivan conceded success had came earlier than expected for the club, which was in the lower divisions just seven years ago.

He is not prepared to risk North Star's future by making a premature NSL bid, which he estimates would cost $300,000 at the absolute least.

"We are waiting to hear back from one more possible sponsor , but I'd say it's now extremely unlikely we will contest the play-offs," he said.

The Australian Soccer Federation has insisted any team that contest the promotion play-offs go through with elevation to the NSL if they win.

On that basis, Sullivan said it seemed foolhardy for North Star to spend about $25,000 to be part of the play-offs when they couldn't afford to be in the NSL.

"We could buy a few players locally with that sort of money and next year we will be a certainty to push for NSL if we get the chance again," Sullivan said.

North Star also concede that a step into the NSL now would require considerable strengthening of their team, which would run into enormous costs.

"I think we saw from the State of Origin game what is required," Sullivan said.

North Star had three players, Shane Haddow, Lee Scriggins and Kne Swan in the 15-man Maroons squad.

While North Star have done extensive improvements on their O'Callaghan Park ground in recent seasons thanks to the backing of club sponsors Neilsen's Sand and Gravel, the facility is still below what would be required to stage NSL matches.

While Perry Park could always be used as an NSL home venue, the club realises that without the lucrative bar trade at home matches, they would struggle to maintain a constant cash flow through the season.

Sullivan said the final straw came with strong rumors that the format of the NSL could change.

"The ASF is talking about franchising and reviewing the format and it is hard to invest so much money in a competition which may change inside 12 months," he said.

"If North Star went in now,there would be no guarantee we would have a place in any restructuring.

"We could also fork out considerably to get in now and then find ourselves having to bid for a lone Queensland franchise sometime in the future."

While the QSF has established a taskforce to formulate a combined Queensland entry in the 1991 NSL season, Sullivan said North Star still had National League ambitions and would be ready for a promotion bid next year.

North Star player coach Billy Williamson is confident his side will retain the flag next season and already has begun adding youngsters to the side in preparation for a lengthy stay at the top of Queensland Soccer.

Fullback Shane Haddow made an impressive Queensland debut in the Origin match and looks to have the state No.2 shirt in his keeping if he maintains his progress, while Williamson blooded another youngster in the 1-0 win over Grange Thistle which clinched the title.

With the North Star player-coach under suspension, and usual sweeper replacement Haddow out with 'flu, Williamson turned to 17-year-old Danny English to fill the gap in defence.

"He was outstanding and showed me he was a player of the future," Williamson said.

With North Star dropping out of the promotion race, it will be a two-team play-off for the third consecutive year.

But southern clubs should be warned, they have not heard the last of Queensland's North Star.

It's a case of slip, slap, SLOP! From left Colin Phelan (Easts), Paul Peterson (Easts) and Graham Withey (Brisbane City) on the ball.

Stars in battle for leading scorer

THE battle to finish leading scorer of the XXXX League is looming as one of the most exciting contests in years.

While North Star's Lee Scriggins and Jim McDonagh have dominated the competition all season, Brisbane City's Kieran Cooper has thrown down a late challenge to retain the crown he has held for the past two years.

Prior to last weekend's fixtures, McDonagh and Scriggins were locked on 16 goals apiece from 20 fixture games.

Cooper, who up to the halfway mark of the season, had just five goals, has stormed home in the second round and a hat-trick a week ago against Olympic United took him to 14 goals.

On paper, Cooper could be deemed a warm favourite. City's final round match this weekend is against Redlands, who have been the whipping boys for many sides this season and are already relegated. City beat the Baysiders 5-1 in the first round with Cooper netting twice.

The QSF offers a return trip to Sydney for its leading scorer, courtesy of Australian Airlines, and this year the winner may be decided on a countback.

Under the rules of the competition, if two or more players are tied, the prize goes to the one who scored the most goals in any one match, at this stage, that would be McDonagh, thanks to his four-goal haul against Olympic United in April.

But for the persuasion of influential Brisbane City president Sam Pappalardo, Cooper may have finished the season with no chance of retaining his goalscoring crown.

JIM McDONAGH

He had a falling out with the club mid-year, when he was in the deepest part of his form slump. He asked to go on the transfer list and had transfer deadline eve talks with Second Division club Acacia Ridge.

But Pappalardo talked Cooper into staying at Spencer Park and the Irishman has come back stronger than ever.

"I'm in form now and I'll be keeping the North Star boys honest to the end of the season," he said.

Cooper's goalscoring feats have been incredible in recent years and underlines his talents as a goal-grabber.

In 1987, he was the league's leading scorer with 19 goals.

The following season, after taunts that his 1987 total was inflated with penalty kicks, he relinquished the job as City's spot kicker and finished the season again as leading scorer with 21 goals.

The total included just one penalty, which Cooper took to snare a hat-trick.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALL NSL TEAMS AUSTRALIAN SOCCER ANNUAL AT LEADING NEWSAGENTS NOW

Alan Niven takes over Mt Gravatt

ALAN Niven is the new coach of XXXX League team Mount Gravatt, but will not hang up his boots for at least another season.

Niven, 34, was appointed the Hawks player-coach after Roger Hoy resigned last week. The only surprise was that it had taken so long.

Niven will be in charge of the Hawks until the end of the season but is hoping his appointment will be extended to the 1990 season.

"If I'm offered the job next season, I'd jump at it," he said. "But it would have to be in a player-coach role. I would like to play another year before I hang up my boots."

Niven, a level three certificate holder, moved to Dittmer Park this season after 12 years with Lions. From the time he started with the Hawks, it had been mooted he would eventually be their coach.

Hoy, a former Gold Coast coach in the defunct Queensland State League, was commuting regularly from Coolangatta to coach Mount Gravatt.

He turned the club into one of the hardest sides in the league to beat, but at the same time could not give them the edge to win.

But for their string of draws this season, they could have been solidly in the top five.

According to several players in the Hawks squad, the beginning of the end came when Hoy, a born-again Christian, used a biblical story as the basis of his pre-match talk foı the game against Lions.

"There were a few of us who were stunned, it certainly wasn't the style we were used to and after that there just wasn't the 100 percent respect that should exist between players and the coach," one player said.

Niven's appointment as the Hawks coach capped a big week for the former Socceroo.

He also led Queensland with distinction in the inaugural State of Origin game against NSW.

In Mount Gravatt's first match under Niven's control, which he had to watch from the bench because of a points suspension, they still could not shake the draw hoodoo.

Although they led 1-0 against Pine Rivers, the Hawks conceded a goal with seven minutes remaining and then squandered a golden opportunity to grab a last-minute winner.

Niven is hoping to finish the fixture season in winning style against Coalstars at Dittmer Park this weekend. The two teams played, not surprisingly, a 2-2 draw in the first round.

"Things have been clicking in recent weeks and with a bit of luck we could have been in the top three," Niven said.

In other final round matches this weekend, Rochedale host Lions, North Star visit Easts, Taringa play Grange Thistle, Pine Rivers meet Olympic and Redlands go to Brisbane City.

It's do-or-die for Croydon City

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STATE LEAGUE with VLADO VLAHOVIC

JUVENTUS held on to a slender one-point lead at the top of the league after a tough 1-1 draw with rivals Fawkner at Olympic Park last Sunday.

Its closest challenger, Morwell Falcons, kept the pressure on after a convincing 4-2 victory away to Thomastown.

The remaining contender, Croydon City, also won convincingly, defeating lowly Springvale City 2-0 at home, but it is three points behind the leader and now must beat Juventus tonight (Wednesday) in a deferred clash, plus continue to win and hope Juventus drop points in the last four weeks of the season.

In front of a good crowd of 2,000 Juventus could have ended Croydon's faint title hopes but its marksmen had an off day in front of a vulnerable Fawkner goal.

Juventus dominated the first half and blew at least six chances until Steve Marley found himself in the forward line. From 20 metres he hit the back of the net with a delightful chip to send his side 1-0 up at halftime.

After the interval Fawkner concentrated a little more on attacking duties to make a real game of it and this refreshing attitude proved vital. Speedy, ever-dangerous winger Willie Raynes banged home the equaliser late in the game to seal a much needed point for Fawkner who harbour hopes of State League survival.

As usual, Charlie Egan played a fine game for his side, except for one blemish when he missed an open goal which is unlike the wee ScottishdDynamo. Sean Lane, Della Rocca and Maric Coady were the other better contributors for Juventus.

Of course, Fawkner would be delighted with a point against more fancied rivals to continue its unbeaten run under new coach Cedo Cirkovic and now must consider themselves a big chance to avoid the drop.

Splendid

Outside title chance Croydon City went 2-0 up against lowly Springvale City inside 20 minutes of play and were never going to look back after such a splendid start.

Giant defender Dave McIntosh opened the scoring in his characteristic style, rising above the pack to head into the far corner of the net, giving the opposition 'keeper no chance.

The second goal came via a penalty kick. Croydon striker Andy Humble was fouled by Springvale 'keeper Brian to set the scene. Nick van Egmond struck the spot-kick but it was saved. However, the referee ordered the penalty to be retaken because at least two Springvale players encroached into the area while the kick was taken.

This time it ws Goran Runje's turn to make no mistake since the initial spot-kick was saved and he didn't let his side down with a clean strike.

After an entertaining first half, the game unfortunately deteriorated with too much close-checking tactics from both teams although there were still some hairy moments in the form of balls being cleared off the line.

Big Dave McIntosh had a blinder for Croydon and Andy Humble worked hard as ever. As for Springvale City, Hugh Finlay was its most constructive player.

Main title challenger Morwell Falcons have Irish striker Ron Manley to thank for its 4-2 victory over Thomastown at Partridge Reserve.

Manley scored a spectacular overhead goal to level the score for the Falcons after a slow start and then shot his side into the lead from an acute angle just after the interval.

Thomastown equalised from a counter-attack but it was that man Manley proving more than a handful once more.

Manley set up Jimmy McBride for a goal that regained the lead for Morwell once more.

With only 10 minutes to go Manley made victory certain with another goal from a tight angle.

Painful

His achievement is more meritorious considering Manley has been plagued with a painful back injury for the past five weeks. The former Glentoran striker is quickly establishing himself as one of the most dangerous forwards in the competition.

Fourth placed St Albans firmed its grip on the position after a 3-1 victory against mid-table Caulfield City.

Caulfield spokesman George Zafiropoulos was incensed by referee Denis Voutsinas' performance after the game, claiming his team deserved at least four penalties which cost it a positive result.

Big striker Denis Morovic opened the scoring for St Albans for his 11th goal of the season and defender Caesar Fattore equalised for Caulfield with a headed goal.

Seventeen-year-old Ollie Pondljak made up for his many misses against Northcote the previous week, by scoring the second for St Albans, the clinching goal arrived via Jure Eres.

Bulleen ended Altona Gate's semi-final hopes after a scrappy scoreless draw at the Veneto Club played in heavy conditions.

In the first half, Alex Livingstone shot over the crossbar following good build-up work from veteran Zravko Lujic on the right wing. Then Lujic crossed to the right and placed a perfect pass at Dominic Ruccia's feet, but he shot wide.

Big blond Altona defender Tom Markovski controlled his defence while Zoran Todorovski put life into Altona's attack with a hard low drive that brought out the best from 'keeper Leo Rocciocetti.

An all-in brawl broke out in front of Bulleen's goalmouth in the second half but referee Torbin Sorensen quickly seized control, thankfully!

In the end a draw was a fair result as neither side managed to dominate although Altona Gate had a slight edge in midfield.

In what must be some sort of a record, Green Gully trounced bottom-placed Polonia 9-0 after defeating Frankston Pines 6-0 only a week earlier.

Hat-trick

Striker Kevin Harrison bagged a hat-trick and a volleyed goal of his was one of the major highlights of an extremely one-sided game.

For Gully, Andy Pender, Kevin Harrison and Steve McLelland were the best in a team brimming with dominant players.

Gully's dominance was examplified by coach Willie Vassallo who stated without any arrogance: "We relaxed after being three goals up." Yet Gully still managed to bang home six more goals against the league's punching bag.

WE'RE AWAY! Caulfield's John Bitsonis makes ground, but his Northcote opponent goes to ground in Victorian State League action.

Ringwood City, desperately trying to edge out of the relegation zone, could only manage a 1-1 draw with doomed Box Hill.

Box Hill went straight into attack from the outset, winning two corners in the opening four minutes. Remarkably, Box Hill's goal arrived straight from a corner kick. Helped by the breeze, Mark Manley struck a freak corner goal.

Ringwood City had 80% of the play but found it difficult to beat Hillmen 'keeper John McKinlay who was in a heroic mood, putting out several majestic saves.

Ringwood's woes continud when key forward John Corvan was sent off in the second half for a foul behind the play.

With 10 men, Ringwood continued to dominate proceedings and were finally rewarded with a deserved draw coming seven minutes before the end.

Paul May hit a 20-metre shot through a maze of legs to find the back of the net.

Marcel De Ridder had a chance to wrap the game up for Ringwood but with only the 'keeper to beat he shot wide.

Ron Verniers, Doug Nolan and Paul May were Ringwood's best, while for Box Hill, John McKinlay (best on ground), Paul Cooper and Gerry McAleer shone brighest.

Northcote City continued its late bid for a finals place with a controlled 2-0 victory over struggling Frankston Pines.

The first goal came via a penalty kick converted by Martin Woodall after Jim Constantinou was fouled by goalie Davies.

Constantinou was in the thick of things soon after, scoring a fine individual goal. He skilfully rounded his marker in the area to coolly slot home the winning goal as it turned out.

Northcote could have won by a bigger margin had its strikers been on target. Woodall and Peter Cocker missed good scoring chances and defender Paul Harris also missed a couple of opportunities with his head.

Late in the game a defensive mix-up nearly cost Northcote a goal but custodian Mark Tarudia's acceleration saved the day.

Pines' forwards Ian Stirton and Ally Dick caused havoc when supplied with opportunities, but these were few and far between for *Frankston!*

Victorian State League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	25	16	7	2	45	17	39
Morwell Falcons	26	15	8	3	51	22	38
Croydon City	25	15	5	5	42	12	35
St Albans	26	13	8	5	34	20	34
Northcote City	25	13	5	7	33	24	31
Green Gully	25	12	4	9	46	26	28
Altona Gate	26	10	8	8	37	29	28
Caulfield City	26	10	6	10	39	39	26
Bulleen	26	9	7	10	21	25	25
Thomastown	26	7	9	10	26	36	23
Frankston Pines	26	7	8	11	31	46	22
Fawkner	25	7	6	12	23	36	20
Ringwood City	26	6	8	12	20	40	20
Springvale City	26	5	7	14	18	28	17
Box Hill	25	3	10	12	19	34	16
Polonia	26	2	4	20	12	63	8

Results

THOMASTOWN 2 (Athersych pen, Sinclair) MORWELL FALCONS 4 (Manley 3, McBride), BULLEEN 0 ALTONA GATE 0, CAULFIELD 1 (Fattore) ST ALBANS 3 (Morovic, Pondljak, Eres), G.GULLY 9 (Harrison 3, Daley 2, Metaxas 2, Pender, o.g.) POLONIA 0, CROYDON 2 (McIntosh, Runje) SPRINGVALE 0, JUVENTUS 1 (Marley) FAWKNER 1 (Raynes), BOX HILL 1 (Hanley) RINGWOOD 1 (May), FRANKSTON PINES 0 NORTHCOTE CITY 2 (J. Constantinou, Woodall pen).

Top Scorers

17: C. Pappas (Caulfield) 14: Humble (Croydon), 13: McMullen (Alt Gate), 12: Egan (Juve), 11: Basara (Morwell), Morovic (St Albans), Daley (G.Gully), 10: Harrison (G.Gully), 9: Cocker (N'cote), Carfora (T'town), Wright (M. Falcons), Metaxas (G. Gully).

THIS WEEK'S GAMES:
Wednesday: Croydon City v Juventus, Fawkner Green Gully.
Weekend: Altona Gate v Box Hill, Morwell Falcons v Green Gully, St Albans v Croydon, Northcote v Caulfield, Polonia v Frankston Pines, Ringwood v Thomastown, Fawkner v Bulleen, Springvale v Juventus.

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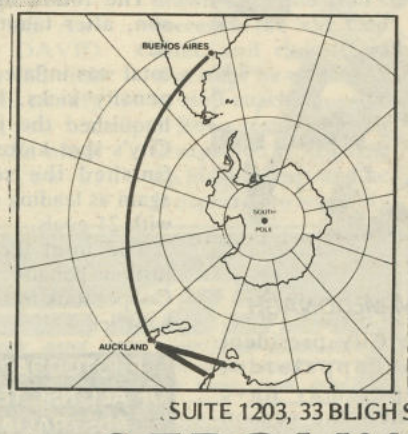

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PROMOTED Beograd aims to buy three top quality players to be right up with the top boys in next season's Foundation SA State League First Division.

"We do not just want to go up and survive. We want to be really competitive," said coach John Nyskohus.

"We are looking to strengthen in all three areas — attack, midfield and defence. We already are on the lookout for top class players to give our squad a boost.

"We have had players available in our squad this season to put on pressure for places and we must increase that for next year."

Nyskohus himself is likely to continue as coach.

"You cannot take anything for granted," he said. "But I think the job is mine if I want it. As long as the administration remains stable as it has been this year there should be no problems.

"We set out to win promotion and have achieved that. We are very pleased for the club and now want to build on that so we are a top side in First Division next year. We want to be very competitive and do really well."

★★★

ROSTREVOR College clinched the statewide schools under 14 Coca-Cola Cup with a 7-1 win against Salisbury East.

Goalscorers for Rostrevor were John Aloisi (4), Louis Condo, Steven Lembruno, Daniel Cittadini. Best — Aloisi, Lembruno and Renato Mussolino. Robert Sen scored for Salisbury.

★★★

USC Lion has fixed up an interesting junior player.

He is Mario Korcek from Bratislava in Czechoslavakia.

Another import, James Temperley, formerly of Campbelltown, could be on his way home to Scotland sooner than expected.

He sought a clearance to play in Darwin with Olympic on his way home. But that has been denied.

★★★

Adelaide City skipper Sergio Melta and Aurelio Vidmar see the funny side as Steve Maxwell heads the NSL Cup after the 2-0 final victory at Hindmarsh Stadium — Pic: JANUSZ KAMMA.

Modbury aims for PGH Cup

MODBURY will bid to make club history on Friday night against Para Hills in the PGH Federation Cup final at Hindmarsh.

Victory would give the club its first major crown.

Both of the northern suburbs neighbours are in their 25th year.

And both are confident of ending the season in glory.

For Para, victory probably would be extra sweet.

A Cup win would be consolation.

Para on Saturday avoided taking the wooden spoon by fighting out a 2-2 draw against bottom side Campbelltown.

Modbury missed out on a top four spot by going down 1-0 to Salisbury.

Bright teenage scoring talent Carl Veart got the all-important goal.

But influential player-coach Steve Amos and import Danny Docherty both missed the action.

They'll be back on Friday to boost the blue and whites.

Modbury, which has a fine defence and midfield of endeavour and class, should start favourite.

Para will miss suspended striker Davie Edwards.

But the final could be a low scorer.

Both sides have quality goalkeepers. Former Socceroo Martyn Crook is Para's custodian while Alistair Crook (no relation) is with Modbury.

The northern suburbs will be alight on Friday night. Modbury's light, may just shine that little brighter.

Hellas finished as SA champions. They beat Port 3-1 on Saturday to finish 11 points clear at the top.

Campbelltown and Para were relegated while Birkalla, Polonia and Salisbury fill the top four spots and contest the Coca Cola Cup.

Beograd and Cumberland, relegated last year, bounce right back up from Division II, though Cumberland came a cropper against second bottom side Omonia in their last game.

Rivals Blackwood, though, could not take advantage, going down to Apac.

INDOOR

Swans win at YMCA

WESTERN Sydney Swans were successful in winning the final of the winter competition at Epping YMCA on Sunday, August 20.

The score finished at 4-2 to the Swans over Unique Travel.

Unique Travel took charge of the game right from the outset and scored in the 13th minute following a Swans' defensive mix-up.

Unique Travel continued to apply pressure for long periods, but it was not until the second half before Brett Duval was able to score for the Swans.

From this point, the Swans were able to get more into the game.

Further goals to the Swans in the 14th, 19th and 24th minutes put the game beyond the reach of their opponents, who struck back with a long-range shot in the last minute.

The game was played in the spirit in which indoor should be played, and with very few fouls being committed.

Brett Duval was the leading scorer of the competition with 35 goals, and was followed by brother Steve and Mike Renaud on 24 and 20 respectively.

JUNIOR CLUBS AND SCHOOLS

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THE POOLS — THE GAME AS BIG AS AUSTRALIA MATCH LIST

WEEK 213
SAT. 26th AUGUST, 1989

ENGLISH DIVISION 1	ARSENAL	WIMBLEDON	1	0-0
	ASTON VILLA	CHARLTON	2	1-1
	CHELSEA	SHEFF. WED.	3	4-0
	CRYSTAL P.	COVENTRY	4	0-1
	DERBY	MAN. UTD.	5	2-0
	EVERTON	SOUTH'PTON	6	3-0
	LUTON	LIVERPOOL	7	0-0
	MAN. CITY	TOTTENHAM	8	1-1
	MILLWALL	NOTT'M FOR.	9	1-0
	NORWICH	Q.P.R.	10	0-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	BARNSLEY	BRIGHTON	11	1-0
	BOURNEM'TH	HULL	12	5-4
	LEEDS	BLACKBURN	13	1-1
	LEICESTER C.	NEWCASTLE	14	2-2
	OLDHAM	SWINDON	15	2-2
	OXFORD UTD.	WATFORD	16	1-1
	PORTSMOUTH	STOKE	17	0-0
	PORT VALE	WEST BROM.	18	2-1
	SHEFF. UTD.	IPSWICH	19	2-0
	SUNDERLAND	MIDDLESBRO	20	Void
	WEST HAM	PLYMOUTH	21	3-2
	WOLVES	BRADFORD C.	22	1-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	BOLTON	FULHAM	23	0-0
	BRENTFORD	CHESTER	24	1-1
	BRISTOL C.	BIRMINGHAM	25	1-0
	MANSFIELD	BRISTOL R.	26	0-1
	NOTTS C.	BLACKPOOL	27	0-1
	PRESTON	BURY	28	2-3
	SHREWSBURY	LEYTON O.	29	4-2
	SWANSEA	NORTH'PTON	30	1-1
	TRANMERE	CARDIFF	31	3-0
	WALSALL	HUDDERSF'LD	32	2-3
	WIGAN	ROTHERHAM	33	0-3
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	ALDERSHOT	LINCOLN	34	0-1
	BURNLEY	STOCKPORT	35	0-0
	CAMB'GE U.	HEREFORD	36	0-1
	CARLISLE	CHESTERF'LD	37	4-3
	COLCHESTER	HALIFAX	38	2-2
RESERVE MATCHES				
	DONCASTER	GILLINGHAM	39	0-0
	HARTLEPOOL	EXETER	40	0-3
	MAIDSTONE	SCARBORO	41	4-1

Week Number 213
Date 26 August 1989
Winning Numbers 14 15 22 24 30 38
Supplementary 16
Total prizepool $321,130.68
Division one prizepool $251,106.82

ADELAIDE WHISPERS

MOTIVATION is Adelaide Hellas' biggest hurdle as it prepares for the Coca-Cola and West End Premier Cups, followed by the play-offs against the Victorian premiers for a place in the summer NSL competition.

"Training is going to be very, very hard," said coach Peter Jaksa. "I can understand it, but it is very difficult to get the players motivated.

That's why we shall work at training. We are not playing at 100 per cent.

"They all have their minds on the play-offs and we'll be ready to fire in them."

Jaksa wants to play the first play-off leg away.

"I think that is our right," he said. "Last time round we had to play at home first.

"Our entire future depends on two games. Anything can happen.

"Teams nowadays should be able to play just as well away as at home but you always feel more comfortable in familiar surroundings and I would like us to be able to use that in the second leg.

"We will be very careful away — playing in breakaways."

Central defender Martin Doak was booked on Saturday and missed the weekend match against Port.

Hellas hopes to welcome back sweeper Zoran Maricic to light training after his pulled hamstring and Jimmy Keramidas is close to a return to first team calculations.

★★★

DAVIE Edwards has been suspended and will miss Para Hills' PGH Federation Cup final clash with Modbury on Friday at Hindmarsh.

Edwards was sent off as Para's relegation fate was confirmed in a 1-4 loss to Salisbury.

He has copped a two-match ban and, as Para is not in Coca-Cola Cup, he missed the wooden spoon encounter against Campbelltown and the Cup with Modbury.

Edwards always worries defences with his pace and bravery and sadly will be missed in the final.

His brother Neil Edwards will serve a one-match suspension on Saturday.

Big John Miller has been named as referee for the final.

Children under 14 will be admitted free. Tickets are available from the SA Soccer Federation and selected Ampol outlets.

Sets of brothers could be in opposition. Goalkeeper Martyn Crook and striker brother Barry should play for Para with the Kent brothers, Bryan and Terry in Modbury colours.

★★★

HOMESICKNESS may be Port Adelaide's biggest enemy in any bid to keep its import trio.

Miodrag Cvetanovich, Zlatko Zvekic and Goran Dordevic have visas here until November.

The club could look at a possible extension if the players wanted to stay. But being here away from their families could prove a problem.

Dordevic, especially, looks a high calibre performer and has been a key figure in Port's mini-revival that has seen it grab three out of the past four points.

★★★

CAMPBELLTOWN captain Robbie Parks has made no decision yet where his future lies next season.

The superstar goalkeeper would be hot property if he was keen to stay in the game with another club, following the Devils' demotion to Division Two.

But Parks, 34, regarded among the top flight in SA goalkeeping, will think over his future in the close-season.

"At this stage of my career, I play for enjoyment," said Parks. "As long as I continue to enjoy it, I'll probably keep playing.

"But I have not thought yet if I'll keep on going or with whom."

Parks was encouraged by the resurgence in Campbelltown's form in the past couple of weeks.

"We seem to be starting to believe in ourselves at last. Unfortunately, it has come four or five weeks too late," he said.

"I always set myself personal goals and I have been a little disappointed because the goals have been flowing just too freely past me this year. But sometimes it just was like facing shooting practice."

Campbelltown looks sure to stabilise behind the scenes with the return from holiday of astute Basil Scarsella. Moves look certain to ensure the Devils bounce right back into Division One next year.

★★★

A TROUBLESOME back injury looks to have ended the career of versatile Phil Mullen.

The Birkalla Eagles man has not played for more than a year with the complaint which worries his hamstring.

Phil is the brother of Adelaide City striker Joe Mullen, Peter of Polonia and Tim of Campbelltown.

★★★

NORTHERN NSW

News and Views

FROM DAVE WILLIAMS

MARK ELRICK (right), Newcastle's Kiwi, comes after a Rockdale Ilinden opponent. Pic: DAVID BROWN.

Adamstown top dogs in Centenary year

ADAMSTOWN Rosebud has captured the Northern NSW minor premiership crown, coming out on top by two points from nearest challenger, West Wallsend.

There was plenty of celebrating at the club headquarters, especially as the honour had been acheived in their centenary year.

But ahead lies the grand final series, with Adamstown contesting *the major semi-final* against Westy on Sunday at Austral Park at 2.30pm.

The minor semi-final sees third-placed Weston Workers in action against Cardiff on Saturday at Adamstown at 2.30pm.

Excitement will grow for the final, to be contested at the delightful Weston Park, at Weston on the coalfields on Sunday September 10 at 2.30pm.

The grand final will be an evening fixture on Saturday night September 16 at 7pm, at Macquarie Field, Speers Point.

The final points were: Adamstown 42, West Wallsend 40, Weston 32, Cardiff 31, Lake Macquarie City 25, Highfields Azzurri 22, Belmont-Swansea 20, Stockton 16, Cessnock 16, Wallsend 11.

Edgeworth home

Although Edgeworth and Newcastle Macedonia headed the Second Division, both on 37 points, the former took the minor premiership on goal difference.

The outstanding Belmont versus Lambton Jaffas game will not be played, and the teams will take one point each.

On that basis the final points read: Edgeworth 37, Lambton Jaffas 37, Toronto-Awaba 36, Belmont 31, Maitland Magpies 30, Newcastle Croatia 29, Mayfield United 29, Beresfield 20, West Lakes 20, Lambton Jaffas 20, Budgewoi 9.

The Northern NSW Soccer Federation has set down its big Presentation Night for Saturday November 4 at the popular Belmont 16 Footers Club, right on the waterfront at Belmont.

18,000 crowds in Solomons

NORTHERN NSW won both its matches in Honiara in the Solomon Islands by 1-0 margins.

The first outing was greeted by a wildly enthusiastic 18,000 crowd, whilst 20,000 was tipped as the attendance for the second game.

The Solomon Islands arranged to host the Northern representative side, coached by Ken Kaiser, to provide build-up games to aid its participation in the Melanesian Cup, which takes place in Fiji next month.

Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup at Macquarie Field Speers Point

MACQUARIE FIELD Speers Point is in excellent condition for the conclusion of this year's Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup competition.

The semi-finals will be played next Tuesday night, September 5th, commencing at 6.30pm and 8pm, with the play-off and final decided on Wednesday night September 6th at 6.15pm and 7.45pm.

Quarter-finals will all be concluded this week. This crowded schedule was caused by the series being affected by the Big Wet earlier this year.

Senior co-ordinator Terry Hampton has been looking to the skies hoping the weather remains fine.

414 schools entered the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup competition this season with a large contingent coming from Queensland.

Terry Murphy, the manager of the Commonwealth Bank Community and Media Relations, will join with Dave Williams, president of the Northern NSW Soccer Federation and high ranking officials from education at the final.

NORTHERN NSW

FIRST DIVISION
FIRST GRADE
as at 18.8.89

Adamstown	18	13	3	2	44	16	42
West Wallsend	18	13	1	4	30	15	40
Western Wkrs	17	10	2	5	34	19	32
Cardiff	17	10	1	6	24	22	31
Lake Macquarie	16	7	2	7	26	22	23
Highfields Azz	17	6	3	8	28	40	21
Belmont-Swan	17	5	2	10	25	26	17
Stockton	18	4	4	10	23	34	16
Cessnock City	17	4	3	10	18	30	15
Wallsend	17	1	5	11	9	37	8

RESERVE GRADE

West Wallsend	18	15	1	2	50	19	46
Adamstown	18	13	1	4	40	22	40
Belmont-Swan	17	11	2	4	28	12	35
Lake Macquarie	16	6	6	4	23	18	24
Stockton	18	7	3	8	36	38	24
Weston Workers	17	4	5	8	15	19	17
Wallsend	17	4	5	8	23	33	17
Cardiff	17	4	3	10	22	31	15
Cessnock City	17	3	4	10	25	43	13
Highfields Azz	17	4	0	13	22	49	12

UNDER 18

Highfields Azz	17	12	3	2	30	9	39
Belmont-Swan	17	10	4	3	23	9	34
West Wallsend	18	11	0	7	42	18	33
Adamstown	18	9	4	5	27	14	31
Weston Workers	17	9	3	5	26	12	30
Cardiff	17	8	4	5	20	11	28
Lake Macquarie	16	6	4	6	18	16	22
Stockton	18	5	1	12	19	47	16
Cessnock City	17	1	4	12	12	35	7
Wallsend	17	0	3	14	9	52	3

SECOND DIVISION
FIRST GRADE

Toronto-Awaba	20	10	6	4	49	22	36
Edgeworth	19	10	4	5	30	14	34
Newcastle Mac	18	9	7	2	37	24	34
Maitland M	19	8	6	5	31	28	30
Mayfield United	20	7	8	5	27	26	29
Belmont	18	3	3	7	28	24	27
Newcastle Croat	19	8	2	9	32	32	26
Beresfield Utd	20	4	8	8	27	40	20
Lambton Jaffas	17	4	7	6	16	21	19
Westlakes	18	3	5	10	24	49	14
Budgewoi	18	1	6	11	25	46	9

RESERVE GRADE

Toronto-Awaba	20	15	4	1	43	12	49
Westlakes Utd	18	12	3	3	38	12	39
Newcastle Mac	18	9	5	4	27	19	32
Maitland M	19	8	5	6	22	20	29
Belmont	18	8	3	7	29	16	27
Edgeworth	18	6	5	7	16	14	23
Budgewoi	18	6	4	8	20	23	22
Mayfield United	20	5	5	10	12	20	20
Beresfield	20	6	2	12	20	38	20
Lambton Jaffas	16	3	4	9	19	28	13
Newcastle Croat	19	3	2	14	17	61	11

UNDER 18

Maitland	19	14	2	3	51	10	44
Toronto-Awaba	20	12	3	5	26	12	39
Budgewoi	18	11	2	5	38	20	35
Newcastle Mac	18	10	2	6	39	11	32
Belmont	17	9	3	5	32	15	30
Edgeworth	18	8	3	7	20	20	27
Mayfield	20	7	4	9	28	32	25
Westlakes Utd	18	6	5	7	13	16	23
Lambton Jaffas	17	5	3	9	16	40	18
Newcastle Croa	19	2	3	14	15	56	9
Beresfield	20	1	4	15	9	55	7

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Warren Spink's projected move to Sydney invariably crops up every off-season.

I can't see Preston letting him go though he was a bit thin in the goalscoring department last season, but there again rumours have been floating around that Sydney Croatia are keen to have him fill in for Graham Arnold, who is tipped to join Sydney Olympic.

All this talk of Croatia splurging on new players emanates from Robbie Slater's departure for Belgium.

Croatia, however, as we went to press, had yet to see a cent of the $100,000 transfer fee from Anderlecht.

The club was expected to make an announcement earlier this week regarding their new coach and 1989/90 player personnel, so watch for further developments.

Tassie Eagles soar

WALTER PLESS REPORTS

THE Tasmanian State League soccer title was taken out for the second successive year by southern club, White Eagles.

The club was coached by Eugene Mycak, who took over the post from captain and sweeper, Mark Leszczynski.

There is no doubt that White Eagle was head and shoulders above any other team. Its 15 points winning margin attests to this.

It completed the league season undefeated. A single draw against Hobart Juventus in mid-season marred its flawless performance.

The side came from behind on at least seven occasions to go on and win matches, an indication of its resilience and fighting spirit.

Although White Eagle lost to Hobart Juventus in the final of the Cascade Summer Cup, revenge was obtained when Eagle defeated Juventus 6-1 in the annual Cadbury Charity Trophy played at KGV Soccer Park.

White Eagles is also in the semi-finals of the Bohemian Restaurant Statewide Cup competition, and must be favoured to win to add to its impressive list of achievements.

There are numerous reasons for White Eagle's success.

The club has built on past successes,it is well administered, it has an intelligent , experienced coach and, and, to put the icing on the cake, it has a top class squad of players.

White Eagle has not looked back since winning the title under coach Steve Darby in 1986.

Mark Leszczynski repeated the performance in 1988, and Eugene Mycak made it three titles in four seasons this year.

The backbone of the team has remained the same throughout that time.

When asked about the line-up for next match, team manager Eddie Kemper was wont to quote Bill Shankly's (the late Liverpool manager) famous line, "Same team as last year".

Eagle's efficient administration, under the presidency of former player, David Stoddart senior, has contributed to the club's achievements.

Players have shared in the administration — midfielder David Stoddart junior is the club secretary.

Eugene Mycak has done just about everything a coach could do to make a team sucessful.

He has improved the team's fitness, made the players more tactically aware and worked on individual technique and skill.

He would sometimes be out five times a week as he worked with individual players who needed additional coaching.

Many are State representatives, and there would have been few raised eyebrows if Mycak, the Southern Tasmanian coach, had selected his entire team to represent the South in the intrastate match against the North.

The average age of the team is 22 years, meaning that many of them are not yet at their peak.

White Eagles' former star David Stoddart, left.

Eagle's regular first-team squad was : Peter Groenewoud, Eugene Banasik, Mark Leszczyski, Michael Driessen, Neil Morrison, Craig Pitt, Bob Nicholson, Scott Young, David Stoddart, Andrew Leszczynski, Brett Harwood, Richard Leszczynski, Franco Previdi, Richard Kotchell, Eddie Kemper (Manager), Bobby Rybak (Trainer).

Gunning puts more iron back in game

IF Canberra Croatia goalkeeper Peter Gunning was not aware of the ups and downs of soccer before this season, he is now.

The former youth international began it a sought-after player, just transferred from Inter Monaro and seemingly set for a long run in the championship-chasing Croatia line-up.

But a couple of lapses in the second league game of the season against Avala resulted in him losing his place to his friend and rival Anthony Giannasca.

It was the start of a grim period for Gunning, a time when the thought of giving the game away found its way into his head.

"I didn't realise it at first, but I was suffering from a blood iron deficiency, and the fact I had lost my place in the team did not help," he said.

"I used to wake up in the morning, still feel tired and fall asleep again. The next thing I knew it was mid-day.

"I didn't feel like stirring myself to do anything."

Once the iron deficiency was diagnosed he set about building himself up by eating the right foods — and his old confidence and flair began to return.

Meanwhile, Giannasca was going from strength to strength in the first team, stretching his run to 11 games.

But there is little room for error in this, the most hotly contested of positions in Croatia's line-up, and after a 4-3 loss to Wollongong Macedonia in early July, Gunning found himself back in the side.

What followed was the Canberra team's most consistent spell so far, with wins over Sutherland, Inter Monaro, Warringah Freshwater and Rockdale Ilinden (twice) during which only two goals were conceded.

Australian national team goalkeeper Tracey Wheeler comes out for a perfect take in the Oceania Women's Cup game against New Zealand (in white).

The Editor

THE National Soccer League is to be congratulated over the success of its annual awards night held at the Hyatt on Collins Hotel in Melbourne.

The quality of the evening did much to enhance the prestige of the code, particuarly as it will only be some five or six weeks until players start to prepare for the start of the 1989-90 season.

ABC presenters John Bell and Peter Gee handled their roles professionally as comperes for the evening.

It does incidentally seem strange that the ABC is *leading its match programmes entirely from* Melbourne which seems to be a putdown to Sydney with its hugh numbers of people having a definite interest in the code.

***It is fair to ask if the NSL can arrange for more* balance in this respect for next season.**

Dealing again with the awards function, it was a definite improvement on the previous one in that it had more across the board appeal.

It was very appropriate to have Senator Graham Richardson, the Federal Minister for Sport, in attendance on the night, especially as he took the opportunity to make a special charter flight from Sydney in a small aircraft.

For the future, a greater bias towards present and past leading players would add yet another dimension to the affair.

At this stage of the year the NSL office has closed down for a short but well deserved break.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY takes this opportunity to congratulate general manager Peter Russell and his staff members David Cooper and Giota Megoulas for their unfailing co-operation over the past year.

It is no small task with a staff that is too limited for the burden it carries to operate a national office of this nature.

The weather, especially on the eastern seaboard, went out of its way to cause constant problems which necessitated the scheduling and re-arranging of fixtures with all the transport and match control logistics that go with the changes.

On the Australian soccer stage now are the State Leagues, with the James Hardie Indoor League about to get under way as well.

The NSW and Queensland Federations have also suffered due to the bad weather and NSW is making a valiant attempt to bring its season to a climax.

In Victoria events have proved that the State League must become more compact.

It has been proved that it was a mistake to continue with a 16-team competition, but under the rules it would take until 1991 to make the competition tighter and stronger.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY

Olympic on the transfer trail

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC have embarked on an urgent search to sign up new players to bolster their ranks for the NSL summer season which kicks off on November 5.

With midfielder Jason Polak gone to Panathinaikos, striker Alistair Edwards now off to England, centre-back George Haniotis signed up by Greek First Division side Apollon, and the retirement of midfielder Peter Raskopoulos, Sydney Olympic have many gaps to plug up, and fast.

Last week, Olympic president George Pashalis spoke to Melbourne Croatia's lethal striker, Francis Awaritefe, who showed some interest in coming to Sydney.

But Awaritefe's girlfriend is doing a course at Univesrsity which hinders the player's desire to shift to Sydney.

Sydney Croatia striker Graham Arnold is high on Olympic's priority list and an exchange with goalkeeper Clint Gosling, plus a cash adjustment could eventuate between the two clubs.

Marconi utility player Gerardo Gomez has expressed interest in joining Olympic but the expected asking transfer fee may be too high.

Meanwhile, coach Eddie Thomson, who at the moment is in Scotland, is on the look-out for a target man and a midfield playmaker.

ACT SIDELIGHTS

A welcome visitor at Canberra Croatia's Deakin Oval last week was Illawarra Soccer Association president George Naylor, who was up to watch his son run the line for the Canberra — Rockdale Ilinden game.

He said he was unhappy that, with the demise of the ill-starred Ampol Championship Challenge Series, long standing links between the ACT and Illawarra associations had been broken.

Two suggestions: A two leg play-off between the ACT Ampol Cup holder and its Illawarra equivalent, or a re-introduction of the inter-league representative fixture for which The Canberra Times Trophy is currently gathering dust ACTSF office.

★★★

CROATIA reserve team boss Ivan Gruicic has paid tribute to the professionalism of goalkeeper Anthony Giannasca who has made a faster-than-expected recovery from a hamstring strain.

"He did all the right things in taking care of the injury and consequently his recovery period has been short," Gruicic said.

★★★

CANBERRA CROATIA has been given the go-ahead by the ACTSF for its plan to erect floodlighting at Deakin Oval. The Federation, which holds the lease to Deakin, gave its approval at a weekend excutive meeting.

SCHOOLS

PARRA WINS

PARRAMATTA High School will meet Hurstville Boys High in the last eight of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup after defeating Canobolas Boys High 4-3 in Orange last Friday afternoon.

In freezing conditions, and snowy surroundings, Parramatta came at the Canobolas defence early in the match and were rewarded in the 7th minute when Jason McGarry struck a fierce shot which sweetly went into the net.

Parramatta were then dealt a major blow when their keeper was sent from the field three minutes later after receiving a yellow card for time-wasting, and then the red card for uttering an oath, which did not go down well with the referee who was a minister.

The start of the second half was a complete turn around from the first with Canobolas scoring two quick goals by Chris Majoram and Peter Broadhead to take a 2-1 lead.

Under threat of replacement, Darren Read, a CHS squad member, showed what he was made of and scored three goals (one a penalty) to complete a hat-trick and help his side to a 4-2 unbeatable lead.

But even that healthy lead was unsafe as Canobolas scored immediately from the kick-off while the Parramatta players were still celebrating their goal.

Chris Majoram was the scorer, but it wasn't enough to force a draw, and Parramatta had secured a placein the last eight.

Hurstville Boys High will be one relieved school to find out after three weeks who their opponents will be.

The match is scheduled for Parramatta High this week depending on the weather and the availability of the state squad.

Parramatta had to fight for their survival and here are there results.

— JOE DI MEGLIO

Sydney Olympic — 1989 Youth League North minor premiers and runners-up in the Top Four Series.

PICK OF THE POST

Loonies

I am writing on behalf of 30 Blacktown City Soccer fans here in Melbourne. We are followers of various National and State League clubs, mainly South Melbourne Hellas and Melbourne Croatia.

We have joined forces to support Blacktown City every time they travel down to Melbourne.

We have put aside our national and racial prejudices and hatred for those of opposing ethnic soccer clubs, something which has been instilled in us by our parents.

We have joined forces to support an Anglo-Saxon Aussie club in the coming season.

We have decided to call ourselves Blacktown City Gate 12 (Melbourne Branch), because Blacktown finished in 12th position and sent our most hated rivals (Heidelberg and Melbourne JUST) back to the State League.

Our members comprise of hard-core fanatical soccer leaders from various Melbourne clubs, with the exception of Heidelberg and Melbourne JUST. We are from the Croatian Headhunters (an extreme right wing mob of the Melbourne Croatian and St Albans State League club), the South Melbourne Hellas Gate 6 (and group of thrash metal fans), Brunswick Juventus, Sunshine GC, Croydon City and Morwell Falcons Gate 83.

(Dangerous) Danny Davis
Springvale Vic 3071

Coaching courses

I am told that the NSW Soccer Federation will decide in November whether there will be a Level 3 course in January.

The trouble is that work often demands that time off be booked well in advance.

It should be possible for the Federation to advertise right now when the course will be held.

Then people will be able to book their holidays and fit in the week needed for the sessions.

W. Brown
North Ryde 2113

Country Reps

WE are writing to express our dissatisfaction with the treatment that the 1989 NSW Under 15 Country Soccer team received.

Last October our son Daniel Wilson along with four other Central Coast boys were picked while representing Northern NSW and were advised that they were in the Country train on squad.

They all attended a training camp which was held at Easter (cost $90).

They were picked in the Under 15 Country team which was quite a honour. We were told that the team would be playing in Brisbane and also against a Victorian Country side.

In the June school holidays the team again were sent to Parklea at a cost of $170 for a week. Until this stage nothing has been heard.

We rang Parklea hoping for some information and were informated that all of the trips have been cancelled.

So there is nothing at the end of the rainbow for these boys.

They had been promised track suits (for which we were to pay), what is to happen with this now?

Our son Daniel would like to go on with his soccer — and play NSL and even further, but please tell us what incentive is there.

Do you have to live and play in Sydney to get anywhere in Soccer?

Bill & Ann Wilson
Gregory St, Wyoming 2250

Credit needed for Mariani

WHEN I read the Daily Mirror I usually find articles day in and day out regarding Frank Arok and Eddie Thomson.

A young coach like Berti Mariani of Marconi hardly gets a mention, although he won the competition last year and finished six points in front this year.

Experts said Marconi would have difficulties without players like Henderson and Farina.

Mariani proved them wrong, but I don't see the Mirror or anyone else saying what a good job Mariani has done.

He has got the team to play the best soccer seen in this country for a long time.

I am a regular reader of your paper, which I enjoy immensely.

Pietro Cannibile
Riverwood NSW

[No doubt you would have enjoyed the tribute to Berti Mariani by Mario Etchart in our June 28 edition.

Also Marconi was featured in colour on July 26 — Ed]

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Arok helps Macedonia to Second Div. title

BY PAUL GOODWIN

SYDNEY Macedonia and caretaker-coach Frank Arok celebrated their Second Division title success after the Yagoona-based side had defeated nearest rivals North Shore United 2-0 at Jensen Park on Sunday.

As had been the case in most of their recent matches Macedonia made their opponents look very ordinary indeed and proved once and for all that they were worthy premiers.

Unlike most of their rivals this year Macedonia have managed to steer clear of injuries to their key players and stars such as Billy Pilovski.

Mark Reveley, Scott Gilbert and Fabian Kadric have been able to provide a stable presence week in and week out, contributing in no small measure to the team's success.

On this occasion a clearly under strength North Shore side battled gamely for the first half hour, but lost defender Mark Nile when the player received two cautions early on and were thereafter unable to seriously threaten their opponents' goal.

Leo Arcosa hit the bar in the 21st minute and Kadric had two shots miss by a few inches, before Jorge Fernandez lobbed the ball over defenders' heads for Scott Gilbert to find the net with a well placed header in the 38th minute.

North Shore came closest in the 47th minute when Tony Gratwick hit the side netting from a few metres, but four minutes later Gilbert made a fast break on the right and sent over a strong cross which Sasha Spirovski met with a diving header, beating United goalie Craig Thornton all ends up.

Substitute Bill Kotevski hit the bar in the 86th minute, by which stage Macedonia was coasting home and another goal would have been no more than academic.

North Shore had its problems with no fewer than eight first grade players on the injured list.

In the final analysis it has been their resilience and fitness, coupled with an abundance of speed which has seen Macedonia finish well clear of other talented teams such as Dulwich Hill, North Shore and Fairy Meadow.

Dulwich Hill had to settle for a point after Saturday's scoreless draw with Campbelltown at St George Stadium, but the Vikings missed a penalty in the first 10 minutes.

Agenor Muniz hit the bar and Gary Bateman the post, as Madeira attempted to gain a vital second point.

Tony Avellino had a great game in the Campbelltown goal and backed up next day with a similar display against Yugal.

Zoran Beluzic set up Paul Pettenon for Yugal's second minute opener, while the home side left it until the 83rd minute and a Dave Nicholls individual effort to draw level and gain a good point.

Yugal almost got away a win at Bathurst on Saturday, leading 2-1 at one stage, but missing several players could not hang on.

Adrian Pickup was first to score for Bathurst, but Chris Card and Zoran Milosavljevic were able to put the visitors in front.

Alan Lippiatt restored the home side's position with two good goals, the second coming in the dying stages.

Neighbours Orange Waratah did well to beat Mount Druitt 2-0 at Popondetta Park on Saturday. Darren Sinclair helped Steve Priest score the first and both players combined to provide Bruce Cousins with the second.

At Potts Park Waverley had Joe Watson to thank for their goal against Bankstown as the jinky one floated the ball straight in from a corner kick.

Bankstown managed to get even in the 70th minute with Anthony Freili, a regular in the under 19 side, blasting the ball in after it had been cut back by Darren James.

With the season moving into its final two weeks, coaches of all the Second Division teams have been asked to dwell on the ability of their opponents throughout the season and come up with a team of players drawn from the other 13 clubs.

The response has been positive and at the end of the competition a composite team will be announced, together with each of the 14 teams selected by the individual coaches who would dearly love to have such players in their side.

There are bound to be surprises and readers may wish to compile their own list and make a comparison when the time comes.

Leading Scorers: 22 Fabian Kadric, 21 Dennis Duarte, 18 David White, 16 Scott Gilbert, 14 Glenn Jeffery, Harry Sattin, 12 Paul Waine, 11 Neal Hunter

N.S.W. 2ND AND 3RD DIVISIONS

NSW STATE TABLES

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 1

Syd. M	24	19	2	3	65	17	40
North Shore U	24	13	7	4	47	28	33
Dulwich Hill	24	14	5	5	43	33	33
Fairy Meadow	24	14	3	7	50	19	31
G'ville Chile	24	12	5	7	38	32	29
SSC Yugal	24	10	6	8	24	27	26
Gladesville H	24	9	7	8	25	32	25
Manly Warr	24	10	4	10	37	36	24
Bankstown	26	7	5	14	39	44	19
Waverley SC	24	4	11	9	26	46	19
C'belltown Vik'	24	5	8	11	19	33	18
Mount Druitt	24	6	5	13	24	43	17
Orange Waratah	24	5	4	15	33	47	14
Bathurst '75	24	4	2	18	19	52	10

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 2

Manly Warr	23	16	4	4	42	17	34
G'ville Chile	24	14	5	5	35	20	33
Waverley	24	16	0	8	72	39	32
C'belltown Vik'	24	12	6	6	46	27	30
Sydney Mace	23	12	4	7	44	39	28
Gladesville H'by	24	10	7	7	35	24	27
North Shore Utd	24	10	5	9	37	32	25
Bathurst '75	24	10	5	9	55	53	25
Bankstown	23	9	5	9	60	42	23
Mount Druitt	24	8	7	9	29	26	23
Dulwich Hill	24	9	5	10	41	45	23
Orange Waratah	24	5	5	14	31	52	15
SSC Yugal	23	2	4	17	17	56	8
Fairy Meadow	24	1	4	19	15	87	6

STATE LEAGUE 3 GR 1

Rosebery Port	20	16	3	1	55	15	35
Southern Dists	20	13	4	3	47	13	30
Central Coast	20	13	3	4	39	11	29
Port Hacking	19	12	2	5	47	21	26
R/Hill W/Utd	20	10	3	7	41	26	23
Hills United	19	7	6	6	36	25	20
Mt Pritchard	20	9	2	9	41	35	20
Concordia	20	6	5	9	32	37	17
C'bury & Dist	20	5	4	11	24	42	14
Moorebank L	19	4	3	12	22	46	11
Uni of NSW	20	3	4	13	20	36	10
Blacktown Utd	19	0	1	18	13	110	1

STATE LEAGUE 3 GR 2

Rosebery Port	20	16	3	1	71	16	35
Central Coast	20	15	1	4	89	30	31
Mt Pritchard	20	12	4	4	62	21	28
Southern Dist	20	13	2	5	41	25	28
Hills United	19	12	3	4	54	22	27
R/Hill W/Utd	20	10	3	7	61	35	23
Uni of NSW	20	6	5	9	35	45	17
C'bury & Dist	18	4	5	9	30	39	13
Port Hacking	18	5	1	13	24	55	11
M'bank L'pool	18	4	1	13	26	57	9
Concordia	19	2	5	12	28	71	9
Blacktown Utd	19	0	1	18	10	115	1

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GR 1

Petersham	22	14	6	2	47	14	34
Hajduk Rangers	22	13	6	3	36	18	32
North Ryde RSL	22	12	5	5	43	20	29
Cyprus United	22	11	5	6	38	19	27
Trasandinos	22	10	6	8	30	27	26
Spanish Club	22	8	8	6	35	35	24
Padstow Park	21	7	7	7	32	24	21
Eastwood St A	22	8	3	11	32	44	19
Nineveh Eagles	22	8	1	13	39	55	17
Syd Croatia Jnrs	22	5	4	13	22	42	14
Hawkesbury Dist	22	3	6	13	18	41	12
Fairfield Kiev	21	1	5	15	14	49	7

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GR 2

North Ryde RSL	22	15	4	3	48	13	34
Hajduk Rangers	22	12	8	2	31	12	32
Padstow Park	21	10	9	2	36	11	29
Transandinos	22	10	8	4	37	23	28
Cyprus United	22	9	7	6	44	19	25
Eastwood St A	22	9	5	8	38	22	23
Spanish Club	22	7	6	9	31	36	20
Hawkesbury Dist	22	7	6	9	30	40	20
Petersham	22	7	4	11	23	39	18
Nineveh Eagles	22	7	2	13	30	36	16
Syd Croatia Jnrs	22	4	3	15	19	51	11
Fairfield Kiev	21	2	2	17	18	83	6

FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GR 1

SSC Zagreb	18	13	4	1	55	19	30
Concord	18	13	1	4	35	16	27
Arncliffe	18	12	2	4	39	21	26
Colo Colo	18	9	3	6	33	25	21
Sydney Uni	18	8	3	7	36	27	19
Chile Sports	18	4	8	6	31	44	16
Blacktown Wand	18	6	1	11	30	40	13
CSI	18	5	2	11	26	45	12
Macquarie Uni	17	3	2	12	20	40	8
Sporting Peru	17	1	4	12	22	50	6

FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GR 2

Colo Colo	18	13	3	2	41	10	29
Arncliffe	18	13	2	3	55	21	28
Concord	18	12	3	3	46	17	27
Sydney Uni	18	12	2	4	38	16	26
Blacktown Wand	18	10	5	3	47	20	25
SSC Zagreb	18	8	3	7	24	21	19
CSI	18	5	2	11	21	57	12
Chile Sports	19	5	1	13	19	69	11
Sporting Peru	17	1	1	15	9	62	3
Macquarie Uni	18	0	0	18	0	7	0

FEDERATION LEAGUE 6 GR 1

Belmore	22	17	2	3	69	34	36
Prospect Utd	22	15	2	5	55	27	32
Ashour Star	22	13	4	5	41	25	30
Lithgow	22	12	5	5	44	24	29
Maccabi	21	11	4	6	43	31	26
GNS Utd	21	10	5	6	44	34	25
Alexander	22	9	7	6	53	49	25
West Dist.	22	11	1	10	40	39	23
Liverpool City	22	5	3	14	29	41	13
Cobreloa	22	3	3	16	26	68	9
Abruzzi	22	3	3	16	18	60	9
Sydney Lebanon	22	2	1	19	29	59	5

FEDERATION LEAGUE 6 GR 2

Alexander	22	16	4	2	84	35	36
Abruzzi	22	14	4	4	47	26	32
Belmore	22	13	4	5	47	22	30
Lithgow	22	12	3	7	42	33	27
GNS Utd	20	11	4	5	52	37	26
Prospect Utd	22	9	6	7	40	22	24
Maccabi	20	10	4	6	48	31	24
West Dist.	22	7	3	12	45	51	17
Ashour Star	22	6	4	12	49	65	16
Liverpool City	21	6	2	13	36	60	14
Sydney Lebanon	19	3	0	16	15	68	6
Cobreloa	20	1	0	19	19	74	2

FEDERATION LEAGUE 7 GR 1

Pagewood Bot	20	16	2	2	51	13	34
Balmain PCYC	20	13	4	3	69	33	30
Lemnos	20	12	3	5	43	26	27
Fogolar Fulan	20	10	6	4	47	27	26
Assyrian	20	9	5	6	41	37	23
Luddenham	20	7	6	7	39	32	20
A.S. Noantri	20	6	4	10	31	50	16
St Josephs	20	6	3	11	42	54	15
Liverpool Oly	20	3	7	10	25	44	13
Aust. Romanian	19	2	5	12	29	56	9
Korean	19	1	3	15	20	65	5

FEDERATION LEAGUE 7 GR 2

Pagewood Bot	20	14	4	2	44	13	32
Lemnos	20	11	5	4	43	30	27
Liverpool Oly	20	11	3	6	48	28	25
St Josephs	20	9	6	5	45	28	24
Fogolar Fulan	20	11	1	8	40	30	23
Luddenham	20	7	5	8	40	35	19
Balmain PCYC	20	6	7	7	25	30	19
A.S. Noantri	20	6	6	8	36	40	18
Korean	20	5	5	10	34	38	15
Assyrian	20	6	2	12	20	48	14
Aust. Romanian	20	1	2	17	18	73	4

RADIO CALL

NSW State League will receive exposure on 2UW each Saturday between 10 and 11am.

Results will go to air on Sunday between 5.30 and 6.30pm.

This response is much appreciated by NSW Federation.

In addition 2UE has also indicated they will put results to air, when possible.

Trinity Lismore overcomes Turner Cup draw problems

TRINITY College Lismore reached the quarter final of the 1989 Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup due to its grit and perseverence.

Over the years the college has regularly been beaten early in the series.

Matched against last year's NSW Far North Coast winner, Kadina, Trinity was ecstatic when they ran out 4-1 victors.

Coach Brian McManus had a few palpitations as they chalked up a close 5-4 win over St Johns Woodlawn, their near neighbours.

A good 3-0 semi-final win over Tweed River set the scene for a surprising 5-0 win over Grafton in the North Coast final.

After having only one home game out of four, they travelled to Coffs Harbour to meet Orana.

They won that match 1-0 and now await the quater-final outing against either Shalom College, Bundaberg or Alexandra Hills from Queensland, and that could be another away game.

Kogarah in 1987 and Figtree in 1988 had similar fortunes. It seems incredible that a side could be so unlucky with the draw.

In highly populated areas schools could play five or even six rounds and travel less than 100 kilometres. Some country schools easily reach that tally by round two.

In any case Trinity College Lismore and coach Brian McManus deserve success, and no one should begrudge them a place in this year's semi-finals should they make it.

TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE, LISMORE: Back Row: Nige Younes, Graeme Shevellar, Andrew Maslin, Brett Hunter, Paul Plenkovitch, David Miller, Brian McManus (coach). Front Row: Sam Tancred, Paul Hagenson, Andrew Nobbs (vc), Brendan Matthews (c), Brad Acton, Dale Ambler, Bruce Morhaus. Absent: Jamie Kennedy.

NSW for Latin American tour

BY ELLIE NAZHA

NSW All Schools tourists to Argentina and Chile, John Rancic, left, and Martin Abi-Aragge.

LEWISHAM Christian Brothers year 12 students John Rancic and Martin Abi-Aragge are in the process of fundraising for their South American tour.

They must each raise $3,000 to tour with the NSW All Schools Soccer team.

This could not have happened at a more inconvenient time, as the boys have to find ways to train for soccer and also study for the HSC.

The squad will be on tour from December 27 to January 17 1990, playing teams in Chile and Argentina.

It will have the privilege of training with Chile's highest ranking teams such as Universidad and Colo Colo.

Every year John and Martin have been members of the winning team in the MCS soccer competition, and they have played together since Year 5.

Both find it difficult to study as they enjoy playing soccer much of the time. On weekends John competes as a full-back with Sydney Croatia in the under19 Youth League, while Martin is a striker for Granville Chile in NSW State league Second Division.

They hope to arrange a sponsorship deal for their upcoming tour.

Their school is helping to raise money by holding raffles, barbecues and even a rock concert.

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Commonwealth Bank Turner Cup

FROM LINDSAY HEWISON

THE second night of area finals in the Sydney section of the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup will be forever known as "The Endless Night".

Two hundred enthralled spectators braved freezing conditions at Francis Park for over six hours watching three pulsating games till the final whistle blew just after 11pm.

In the first match perenial good performers Benedict College of Auburn were opposed to newcomers Marist Bros Pagewood, who have swept all before them this season.

However, it seemed very much as though they were overawed by the occasion in the first stanza as Benedict dominated play with fast, attacking soccer, spearheaded by Rocky Kinda and captain John Alten.

But to no avail as the Pagewood goal survived intact.

Then total darkness as a power failure in the local area stopped proceedings for half an hour.

When they resumed it was another Pagewood.

Nerves gone, they began to match it with Benedict and gradually got on top.

A lovely throughball turned in by State player Christian Berrios, the star of the match, give Pagewood the lead with 10 minutes remaining — a lead they held to the end Pagewood.

The supporters came alive in the second game — the local derby between Kingsgrove North and Blakehurst High Schools.

And what a match it was!

Two very fast, skilful and evenly matched teams had the crowd out of their seats in the first half as play flowed backwards and forwards till halftime was reached with the score deadlocked.

Early in the second half a dreadful mistake by the Blakehurst keeper allowed Tony Chrisostomou to open the scoring.

Back came Blakehurst, urged on by their equally vocal supporters and then uproar!

A Kingsgrove defender held back a Blakehurst attack in the box and the referee pointed to the spot.

Up stepped Jovan Ckorovski to level the scores and the battle was resumed.

Fulltime came and went as did extra-time and still there was no further score. Now it was penalties!

It was Kingsgrove who cracked.

The first penalty was skied over the bar and keeper Tony Kostanovski, villain of the piece earlier now became the hero with an acrobatic save, then ran for his life pursued by his delirious supporters, who threw him in the air and chaired him off the ground.

A fantastic finish to a wonderful game.

The Cambridge Park and Richmond supporters had been sitting in the cold for two hours but they weren't to be disappointed.

After an early period of Richmond domination, a Cambridge Park build-up led to an opening goal by Craig Loxley.

A lead which was held till just on halftime when after a freekick outside the box a magnificent header from Robert Josevski evened the scored.

As in the proceeding game two evenly matched teams could produce no further goals in normal time.

Again it was penalties and although both sides had the chance to shoot for victory at different times during the shootout, it was Cambridge Park who lasted the distance 7 penalties to 6. Truly a night to remember!

Australia's Wonderland

On Sunday, September 3, the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation are holding their end of season fun day at Australia's Wonderland.

Australian Socceroos Scott Ollerenshaw, Mike Gibson, Graham Jennings, Wally Savor, Graham Arnold and Andy Koczka will be special guests and would love to meet you and give you some tips on how to improve your game.

It is not to late to secure tickets for the big day although you will need to hurry.

A huge discount is available to all NSWASF players off the normal price of entry and the tickets are available from your local association.

YOUTH LEAGUE TABLES

DIVISION 1

U13: Sutherland 39, Syd Olympic 37, St George 36, Marconi 35, Apia 34, Illawarra 32, Blacktown 32, Croatia 29, Nepean 20, Melita 16, Bankstown 15, Canterbury 13, Ku-ring-gai 10, Canterbury/Marrickville 4.

U14: St George 43, Syd Olympic 33, Melita 33, Apia 31, Bankstown 30, Illawarra 29, Blacktown 24, Canterbury 23, Nepean 23, Sutherland 22, Marconi 21, Croatia 18, Canterbury/Marrickville 12, Ku-ring-gai 8.

U15: Croatia 47, Melita 39, Apia 37, Syd Olympic 36, Canterbury/Marrickville 31, Blacktown 27, St George 25, Marconi 22, Bankstown 19, Sutherland 16, Canterbury 14, Illawarra 11, Nepean 10, Ku-ring-gai 10.

U17: Croatia 45, St George 42, Syd Olympic 37, Apia 37, Melita 34, Blacktown 33, Canterbury/Marrickville 22, Marconi 21, Sutherland 19, Canterbury 19, Nepean 16, Bankstown 14, Ku-ring-gai 7, Illawarra 2.

DIV 2

U13: Macarthur 41, Warringah 32, Gladesville 31, Sthn Districts 29, Avala 22, Blacktown 19, Manly 18, Pen. Uruguay 17, Central Coast 17, Polonia 11, Syd Yugal 8, Rockdale 7.

U14: Rockdale 36, Central Coast 34, Avala 28, Sthn Districts 27, Macarthur 26, Gladesville 23, Manly 23, Polonia 16, Pen Uruguay 14, Syd Yugal 12, Warringah 10, Blacktown 7.

U15: Macarthur 31, Warringah 30, Polonia 29, Sthn Districts 26, Manly 24, Gladesville 22, Syd Yugal 21, Central Coast 20, Rockdale 19, Blacktown 19, Avala 14, Pen Uruguay 1.

U17: Blacktown 31, Macarthur 31, Sthn Districts 30, Warringah 26, Manly 24, Avala 20, Gladesville 20, Syd Yugal 16, Rockdale 14, Polonia 13, Pen Uruguay 10, Central Coast 9.

MITRE METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

DIV 1

U11: Canterbury 27, Sutherland 16, Sthn Districts 14, Bankstown 13, Sthn & East 13, Gladesville 11, St George 10, Granville 6.

U12: Granville 22, St George 19, Bankstown 14, Canterbury 13, Sthn Districts 11, Sutherland 11, Sthn & East 10, Gladesville 8.

DIV 2

U11: Manly 22, Blacktown 18, Nepean 14, Central Coast 13, Macarthur 12, Ku-ring-gai 9, Sthn Branch 9, Illawarra 9.

U12: Macarthur 23, Blacktown 21, Sthn Branch 19, Nepean 16, Illawarra 11, Manly 10, Ku-ring-gai 5, Central Coast 1.

MITRE METROPOLITAN REPS AND UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE GRAND FINALS SAT 2.9.89

Cook Park, St Marys

10.00 Canterbury v Sutherland	Under 11
11.45 Macarthur v St George	Under 12
1.15 Sutherland v Marconi	Under 13
3.00 St George v Bankstown	Under 14
4.45 Sydney Olympic v Melita	Under 15
7.00 Sydney Croatia v St George	Under 17

THE WORLD'S NUMBER ONE SPORT

Coffs Harbour District Soccer Association recently conducted its own coaching clinic, organised by Director of Coaching Bruno Tomasov. Tomasov secured the services of Australian soccer greats Leo Baumgartner and Atti Abonyi, plus ex-Sydney based National League player Greg McCoy, who was recently appointed coaching co-ordinator. Special goalkeepers' coaching was conducted by a visiting goalkeeper from Holland, Johan Werkman.

The next coaching clinic is scheduled for the first week in July 1990 during the school holidays, and any juniors visiting Coffs Harbour during that period are more than welcome to attend. Information on the clinic may be obtained from Coffs Harbour and District Soccer Association, P.O. Box 1456 Coffs Harbour 2450.

Coaches pictured are Bruno Tomasov, Greg McCoy and Atti Abonyi at left, and Johan Werkman and Leo Baumgartner on the right.

Strong showing by Mountains' youth

THE under 15-2 Warriors were defeated in both games on the weekend by RSL and SMSC.

Unfortunately, the Wentworth Falls club were missing a few key players due to injury and sickness which contributed to an otherwise poor performance against two of the top teams.

Marcus Presotto had an outstanding match for the Warriors to minimise the opposition's scoring chances.

Other players who turned in strong performances were Ben Marsden, Robbie Winn, Stephen Thruchly, Danny Mousley and under 14 substitute Greg Warner.

The under 14-2 Redbacks from Blaxland were home on Saturday and convincingly beat Wentworth Falls 3-0.

Cameron Williams opened the scoring and later added a second one , with Andrew Smith hammering one in the back of the net.

This was followed by another fine display on Sunday when they beat Springwood 5-0, goals coming from Andrew Carroll (2),Robert Barna , Justin Clark and Andrew Smith.

The Redbacks under 12-turned in a fine performance to beat St. Clair 3-1.

Scorers were Tim O'Connor, Nathan Handley, and Keiran Mc Donald, and great support was given by Paul Shalala.

Man of the match was Andrew Frost who was excellent.

Under 9-1 Hazelbrook Hawks beat Penrith in an exciting game.

Both teams were evenly matched, and the round sphere was moved from one end to the other.

An early goal was converted by Nicholas Francis.

From then on the Hawks' defence played an important part in the victory, with Leigh Shakespeare leading by example.

State titles

THE venues dates and tournament managers for the State Championships are:

U11: Martin Walton, Riverina Branch. Venue: West End Oval, Griffith October 4-7.

U12: Lindsay Cosgrove, Southern Branch. Venue: Goodhew Park, Goulburn October 4-7.

U13: Brian McLaughlan, Western Branch. Venue: Riverbank Oval, Dubbo October 4-7.

U14: Phyllis Avery, Northern Branch. Venue: Carmichael Park, Bellbird October 4-7.

U15: Joe Leffley, Western Branch. Venue: Harrison Park, Parkes September 9-12.

U16: Colleen Wills, Northern Branch. Venue: Saunders Oval Ballina October 5-7.

U17: Bill McIlveen, Sydney Branch. Venue: Valentine Park, Parklea October 5-7.

The competition secretary for the State titles is Bill Cullinan and referees liason officer, Ron Beaumont.

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Schools Cup dates must be switched

BY JOE DI MEGLIO

DUE to the inclement weather which hit Sydney again last week, all Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup and Shield semi-finals and finals have been put back a fortnight to accommodate the backlog of matches.

Convenor Doug Hearne said: "Because of the heavy rain last week, the Westfields v Normanhurst match was cancelled twice, which has affected the competition schedule.

"The competition semi-finals have been switched to Wednesday September 13 at Parklea, and I'm in the process of talking with the Melita officals for use of Melita Stadium for the finals."

One team that is shaping up to become a real threat is Drummoyne Boys High, who have qualified for the semi-finals after demolishing South Grafton 6-0 last week.

In the girls' competition, the Commonwealth Bank Shield, Bass High defeated South Coast champions Bulli High 2-1 to advance to the semi-finals.

They will be joined by Glendale High from Newcastle and Bidwell High, which defeated Dorrigo High from the Mid North Coast 3-1 in their quarter-final match and Jannali Girls 1-0 in their final 16 game respectively.

YOUTH LEAGUE FINAL TABLES

DIVISION 1

U13: Sutherland 29, Marconi 37, Sydney Ol 37, St George 36, Illawarra 34, Apia 34, Blacktown City 32, Croatia Sydney 29, Nepean 22, Melita 16, Banktown 15, Canterbury 13, Ku-ring-gai 10, Canterbury 6.

U14: St George 43, Bankstown 34, Sydney Ol 33, Apia 33, Melita 33, Illawarra 31, Nepean 25, Blacktown City 24, Canterbury 23, Sutherland 22, Marconi 21, Croatia Sydney 18, Canterbury 14, Ku-ring-gai 8.

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U17: Croatia Sydney 45, St George 44, Sydney Ol 37, Apia 37, Melita 34, Blacktown City 33, Canterbury 24, Marconi 21, Nepean 20, Sutherland 19, Canterbury 19, Bankstown 16, Ku-ring-gai 7, Illawarra 2.

DIVISION 2

U13: Macarthur 41, Gladesville 33, Warringah Fresh 32, Sthn Districts 29, Avala 22, Blacktown 21, Manly Warringah 18, Penrith Uruguay 17, Central Coast 17, Polonia 11, Sydney Yugal 8; Rockdale Ilinden 7.

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U15: Macarthur 33, Polonia 31, Warringah Fresh 30, Sthn Districts 26, Manly Warringah 24, Gladesville 24, Sydney Yugal 21, Central Coast 20, Rockdale Ilinden 19, Blacktown 19, Avala 14, Penrith Uruguay 1.

U17: Blacktown 31, Macarthur 31, Sthn Districts 30, Warringah Fresh 26, Manly Warringah 24, Gladesville 22, Avala 20, Sydney Yugal 16, Rockdale Ilinden 14, Polonia 13, Penrith Uruguay 12, Central Coast 9.

Japanese to Central Coast

CENTRAL Coast last week played host to two visiting Japanese junior soccer teams aged under 12-15 from Edogawa, which is a sister city of Gosford.

The two teams were billeted with local families, while the adults were accommodated at a local motel.

The two teams played Central Coast sides on Saturday at Gavenlock Park Narara, saw Central Coast sights and attended a mayoral reception.

New look Manchester United will still bank on youth

GLAMOUR English club Manchester United has been sold to a company owned by a tax exile for $42 million in the biggest takeover of a club in British football history.

The new owner is a property holdings company based on the Isle of Man. Its owner is 37-year-old Michael Knighton, who becomes United's chairman.

"I consider myself to be a football enthusiast first and a businessman second," he said.

"We need success and lots of it. I expect to be villified if it doesn't come."

Knighton took control when he bought 50.06 per cent of the shares of United's chairman and chief executive Martin Edwards for about $21 million.

He must offer other shareholders the same terms.

The man from a working class background in Derbyshire has succeeded where publishing magnate Robert Maxwell and Lebanese multi-millionaire Amer Al Midani failed.

Last year Edwards refused a $20 million offer from Maxwell.

Despite the abject failure of last season and a pre-season which Alex Ferguson describes as "absolutely useless", his answer to the $64,000 question; "Can Manchester United win the League this season?" remains categorically in the affirmative.

Devotees of England's most frustrated soccer club would neither expect nor wish to hear anything different.

"When people ask me; 'When will United win the championship?' I say, 'Tomorrow'," Ferguson said.

"After 22 years without the title, every minute matters." Yet after all these years of disillusionment, isn't it about time their followers accepted the truth behind the well-intentioned promises?

It is going to take a lot longer than three seasons in charge for Ferguson for anyone else to overhaul a team with a 20-year start on the field.

The honest, even commendable but ultimately vain efforts of Frank O'Farrell, Tommy Docherty, Dave Sexton and Ron Atkinson bear testimony to that.

The sooner United's faithful come to terms with that fact, the sooner United can set about making up ground on the Liverpool dynasty. Ferguson accepted the reality a long time ago.

"For this club to be successful, the manager would have to be here years."

Ferguson says that when he joined United in November 1986, Johnny Giles, the former Manchester United and Leeds United player, wrote that Ferguson knew nothing about the club that he was going to manage.

"He was dead right," Ferguson said. "But how do you get the experience and who has it?

"Lots of people have played here with great success but they couldn't manage.

"It takes time to get to know a club intimately."

Some of the discoveries that Ferguson made when he left the comparative security of Aberdeen for "the greatest club in the world" shocked him.

"It was a chance to realise my ambitions, even to the extent of bringing in players like Ruud Gullit. That's the way you think. But the financial base was not what everyone believes.

"You would think that a club that can command £50,000 gates should able to buy anyone they wanted. But that was not the case."

An indication, perhaps, of how outsiders still view United's wealth was illustrated by Middlesbrough's refusal to accept Ferguson's $3 million offer for Pallister, its promising but as yet largely unproven central defender.

"Hopefully, our directors have now recognised that the Liverpool philosophy of buying the best is the only way," Ferguson said.

If this sounds as though yet another United manager has turned his back on the rich vein of youth out of which United once so famously and romantically mined its teams, Ferguson does not mean to.

Indeed, he has made it a priority to reopen those old shafts and United now boasts one of the most vibrant youth policies in the country.

Darren, one of his three sons, is a second year apprentice at Old Trafford.

It is here, rather than in the costly and dubious market-place, that United's best hope of catching up those lost years on Liverpool lies.

— courtesy AAP & LONDON TIMES

Not every fan gets to don his favourite club's strip and run on to the field to take a shot at goal, in front of snapping cameras and a rapturous crowd. Especially not when the club is Manchester United and the ground is Old Trafford. But 37-year-old property tycoon Michael Knighton is no ordinary fan.

Knighton said that to continue the legend of United and provide a team that both the players and supporters deserved the club needed a solid financial base.

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First Division games off

WITH League officials finally adopting the Continental custom of suspending club games when international matches are held mid-week, there will be no First Division games in England this weekend.

This is because England will travel next Wednesday, September 6, to Stockholm for their crucial World Cup qualifier against Sweden, which SBS will televise live in the early hours of Thursday, September 7.

Five First Division games will be played today (Wednesday) and three were played yesterday.

MARK HUGHES — set for a big season with a Manchester United club under new ownership.

UK SCENE

□ **SCOTTISH international striker Andy Gray has retired after rejecting offers from Stanraer and Ayr United.**

The 33-year-old former Rangers, Dundee United, Aston Villa, Wolverhampton, Everton and West Bromwich player has joined BSB, an all-sports cable network, as a soccer commentator.

★★★

□ KICK-OFF times to live telecasts in England this season will be 3.30pm.

ITV's first live league telecast will be on October 29 when they screen the Liverpool v Tottenham clash from Anfield Stadium.

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□ **ARTIFICIAL pitches will be banned in England from 1991.**

The decision, mooted by West Ham, was reached at the English League's annual general meeting.

Luton, the major league club with a plastic field, naturally objected but the league promised financial assistance for the switch back to grass.

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□ EVERTON have put a $9.5 million tag on English international midfielder Trevor Steven, who is being chased by Glasgow Rangers.

Everton increased their transfer fee in the wake of Chris Waddle's $9 million move to Marseille because they claim Steven is a better player than the former Tottenham midfielder.

★★★

□ **THE section of the terraces at Sheffield's Hillsborough Stadium where last April's tragedy occurred will stay closed.**

The future of the area, off the now infamous Lepping's Lane, is up in the air, but may be converted into an all-seated stand in time for season 1991-92.

★★★

□ WIMBLEDON have lost their sponsorship from a Danish brewery.

Carlsberg will no longer pay the Dons $500,000 a year, but an English electronics firm is expected to fill the breach.

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□ **LIVERPOOL have reduced the capacity of their home ground this season following the Sheffield disaster.**

Anfield Stadium will only hold 39,000 spectators as the famous "Kop" has seen its standing room cut by some 5,000 for safety reasons.

NZ Scene

FORMER New Zealand director of coaching and All White boss Allan Jones is back in New Zealand football.

After a successful and lucrative three-year stint in Kuwait, Jones has been appointed Auckland FA technical director.

He will be responsible for organising and co-ordinating the coaching structure in Auckland at all levels.

★★★

FORMER Sydney Olympian Mike McGarry is back in New Zealand, playing for his old club Christchurch, alongside fellow All Whites Lund, Halligan and Braithwaite.

★★★

AFTER 16 rounds of the New Zealand Soccer League, All White Noel Barkley (Mt Wellington) is the leading scorer with 16 goals.

Christchurch's Keith Braithwaite is second with 12, followed by Greg Fleming (Wellington United), David Laws (Waikato) and Graeme Cameron (Waitakere), all on eight.

★★★

WAIKATO defeated Auckland 1-0 to retain the New Zealand women's national title.

A well-taken goal by New Zealand national team striker Lesley Letcher clinched it at Park Island, Napier, for Waitako.

— courtesy SOCCER EXPRESS, Auckland.

Tunisia (right) beat Zambia (left) in Tunis 1-0 last Sunday to clinch a berth in the African World Cup play-offs. Tunisia will meet Cameroun and Egypt will play Algeria, with the winners qualifying for Italy. Last week's African results: Algeria — Ivory Coast 1-0, Egypt-Kenya 2-0, Tunisia-Zambia 1-0, Cameroun-Nigeria 1-0, Gabon-Angola 1-0, Morocco-Zaire 1-1.

World Wide

- **Aalborg's Danish international striker, Peter Rasmussen, has been sold to West German club VfB Stuttgart. The 22-year-old went in a $1 million deal — $400,000 going to the Danish club and $600,000 to the player.**
- Argentine defender Nestor Craviotto has joined West German Cup winners Borussia Dortmund. His transfer from Estudiantes cost a "mere" $280,000.
- **The USSR Federation have suspended referee Ivan Timochenko for one month and removed him from the FIFA list for falsifying his birthdate. Timochenko made himself three years younger than he actually is. Who said only women lied about their age?**
- Spain and Switzerland have agreed to meet in a friendly international in Malaga on December 13.
- **Mexican FA president Marcelino Garcia Paniagua has resigned because club presidents voted against his recommendation that the quota of foreign players per club should be decreased from four to two in 1991.**
- Cup winners Partizan Belgrade beat champions Vojvodina in the Yugoslav Super Cup. The teams drew 2-2 before Partizan won the penalty shoot-out 7-6.
- **Argentina's economic turmoil has resulted in 116 National League regulars being sold to foreign clubs since January 1.**
- Finnish international striker Jari Rantanen has been sold by English club Leicester City to HJK Helsinki for $92,000. Rantanen, capped 19 times for his country, has also played for Sweden's IFK Goteborg.
- **Indonesia will host the 14th congress of the Asian Football Confederation next year in Bali on May 1-6. At least 150 participants from 36 countries, including probably observers from Australia and New Zealand, will attend.**
- The stadium of First Division Belgian club Antwerpse has been ordered closed until renovations have been made. The Antwerp Municipal Council ordered the 66-year-old ground closed for safety reasons.
- **Soviet striker Alexander Borodyuk has become the first Soviet player to join the West German Bundesliga after joining Second Division Schalke 04. The club said the 26-year-old former Dynamo Moscow forward, capped 19 times for his country, is the latest in an increasing number of Soviet stars joining clubs in the West.**
- In West Berlin, two soccer hooligans aged 18 and 19 were jailed for two years and for nine months respectively for inciting crowds with anti — foreign and anti — Jewish slogans and emblems. They and five other fans are banned for two years from attending matches played by Hertha Berlin at the Olympic Stadium.
- **The Bulgarian FA has adopted three points for a win in the league competition this season.**
- The Chilean First Division championship kicks off on September 10.
- Lucerne striker Peter Nadig, 24, has been voted Switzerland's 1988/89 Player of the Year. Two other players from Lucerne, the Swiss champions, defenders Stefan Marini and Roger Wehrli were voted second and third.
- Crack Argentine club Boca Juniors have a new coach — Carlos Aimar. He has signed a one-year contract and comes in for Omar Pastoriza. Aimar's last club was Logrones, in Spain.
- **Sampdoria have bought VfB Stuttgart's Yugoslav international midfielder, Srecko Katanec, 26.**
- Argentine international Jose Horacio Basualdo has decided against moving to Italy to play for newly-promoted Genoa. He has signed instead a two-year contract with VfB Stuttgart, who paid $1 million for his services.

Brazilian protest

BRAZIL have filed a formal protest to FIFA in the wake of their 1-1 draw with Chile in the recent controversial World Cup qualifying match in Santiago.

Eurico Miranda, head of soccer at the Brazilian Sports Confederation, said he protested to FIFA over the game's refereeing and the treatment the team received at Santiago's National Stadium.

"I hope FIFA takes measures to prevent games being held in the stadium and has future games held on a neutral field," Miranda said.

The greatest point of contention came when Colombian referee Jesus Diaz Palacio called a foul against Brazil's goalie Taffarel with Brazil leading 1-0 late in the game.

While Brazil's players argued the call, Chilean midfielder Aravana grabbed the ball from Taffarel and passed to teammate Ivo Basay, who kicked the ball into the net.

According to Brazil's protest, the foul was converted from inside the penalty area when the ball should have been placed on the line.

The protest also charged that Chilean police, who surrounded the field during the game, abused Brazil's players, and the stadium scoreboard registered the time remaining in the game and encouraged Chile's fans, both prohibited by FIFA regulations.

FOOTNOTE — FIFA has suspended the Santiago stadium while it is investigating Brazil's charges.

China's central striker, Mai Chao, whose team has qualified for October's Asian zone World Cup play-offs in Singapore starting in six weeks.

THE SOUTH AMERICAN SCENE

BY MARIO ETCHART

URUGUAY took a big step towards qualifying for the World Cup finals by defeating Peru, 2-0 at Lima in a South American Group 1 game last Sunday.

The Peruvians are practically out of contention after two losses, the previous one against Bolivia.

Uruguay showed better skills and superior physical strength.

The first half ended 0-0, but two minutes into the second half, from an Uruguayan counter-attack, Alzamendi crossed to Ruben Sosa who, with a powerful shot, beat Peruvian goalkeeper Puirizaga, to put Uruguay in the lead.

The visitors went further ahead in the 68th.

Alzamendi, after an excellent individual effort, left several defenders behind and scored to secure a very important victory for his team.

At the end of the match the 29,000 fans at the National Stadium booed the Peruvians, especially the local coach, Brazilian ex-international, Jose "Pepe" Macia.

URUGUAY: Pereira, Herrera, De Leon, Gutierrez, Dominguez, Paz (Bengoechea), Perdomo, Ostolaza (Correa), Sosa, Francescoli, Alzamendi.

PERU: Puirizaga, Arteaga, Del Solar, Requena, Olivares, Carranza, Reinoso, Uribe, Hirano (Manassero), Navarro, Dallorso.

Chile 5-0

In Group 3, at Mendoza, Argentina, Chile was too strong for feeble Venezuela and won 5-0.

But Brazil is now in the box seat as it only has to draw with Chile in Rio next Sunday to clinch a berth in the finals.

Chile dominated from start to finish in front of some 30,000 spectators at the Malvinas Stadium.

The match was held in neutral territory because FIFA suspended Chilean stadiums after incidents had marred the Chile v Brazil game in Santiago on August 13.

Chile led 3-0 at half-time. Striker Juan Carlos Letelier scored twice, in the 15th and 34th minutes, while Patricio Yanez netted in the 43rd.

In the second period, Letelier completed his hat-trick in the 68th and midfielder Jaime Vera closed Chile's account in the 84th minute.

Chilean coach Orlando Aravena admitted after the match that the game against Brazil will be very tough, not not impossible to win.

"Brazil is a brilliant team, but we have the players and the skills to match them and to even beat them at home as long as there are no external pressures," he said.

CHILE: Rojas, Hisis, Gonzales, Astengo (Contreras), Puebla, Pizarro, Vera, Aravena, Yanez (Covarrubias), Bassay, Letelier.

VENEZUELA: Gomez, Torres, Az, Acosta (Gallardo), Morovic, Cavallo, Lopez, Carrero, Maldonado, Fernandez, (Febles), Arreaza.

Dramatic

In Group 2, at Asuncion, before 60,000 screaming spectators, Paraguay dramatically defeated Colombia 2-1 last Friday.

The first 45 minutes produced no goals but Javier Ferreira opened the scoring for the locals in the 69th minute.

Colombia equalised in the 87th minute through striker Arnoldo Iguaran.

With time running out and the referee about to blow his whistle, Jose Luis Chilabert scored the winning goal for an ecstatic Paraguay.

The next match in this group is on Sunday, at Guayaquil, between host nation Ecuador and Colombia.

Uruguay and Bolivia, with two points apiece, are the leaders in Group 2.

Paraguay, with two points from one match, and Colombia, with two from two games, are in front in Group 2.

In Brief

Reinaldo Merlo is the coach of River Plate of Argentina. The ex-Argentinian international replaced Cesar Luis Menotti . . . Ex Boca Junior's goalkeeper, Hugo Orlando Gatti, 45, is considering an offer to play for Argentinian club Nueva Chicago . . . Claudio Borghi will play another year for River Plate of Argentina . . . In two friendly internationals Boca drew the first match with Japan 0-0 and won the second 1-0 . . . Daniel Alberto Passarella has retired from soccer at the age of 36. Passarella played for the Argentinian clubs Sarmiento de Junin, River Plate and the Italian club Fiorentina. Passarella was the captain of the Argentinian national squad, winner of the 1978 World Cup . . . Midfielder Jose Perdomo and striker Carlos Aguilera were authorised by their new Italian club Genoa to return for training with the Uruguayan National team after FIFA decided in favour of Uruguay's request for their services.

- Former coach Oswaldo Brandao, who guided Brazil through the qualifiers of the 1958 and 1978 World Cups, has died after a three-year struggle against lymphatic cancer. He was 72. Brandao was popularly known as "The Master".
- **"Bad boy" Eric Cantona has been recalled to the French national squad. Coach Michel Platini selected him for the friendly against Sweden in Malmo though Cantona still had five months of his 16 month ban to serve. Cantona was barred from the national side for a public row with then coach Henri Michel.**
- Real Sociedad have broken with tradition. Their Basques-only policy has been changed and from now on they will consider buying foreign players as well as Spaniards from other regions. Athletic Bilbao is now the only Spanish club which only fields players from the Basque country.
- **Yugoslav national team goalkeeper Tomislav Ivkovic, 28, has signed a three-year contract with Sporting Lisbon, of Portugal.**

THE WORLD

- **Borussia Dortmund beat Bayern Munich 4-3 to win the West German Super Cup in front of only 16,000 spectators.**
- Independiente Santa Fe have won the Copa Colombia — the Colombian championship. They defeated Union Magdalena 3-1 on aggregate in a two-legged final.
- **Brazilian striker Tita will miss Brazil's World Cup qualifying campaign because of a serious cervical injury sustained when he collided with a Japanese defender during Brazil's recent 1-0 win over Japan.**
- Dave Sexton, coach of England's under 21 team, has been appointed in charge of the English 'B' team as well.
- **New Zealand's Wynton Rufer made his debut for his new West German club, Werder Bremen, in a friendly match against FC Koln. Rufer joined the 1987/88 Bundesliga champions one a one-year loan from Switzerland's Grasshoppers Zurich.**
- Spanish club Espanol of Barcelona have appointed Benito Joanet as their coach just five weeks after giving the job to Englishman Allan Harris.
- **Israeli international Ronnie Rosenthal is back in Belgium with Standard Liege after failing a medical test when on the verge of signing for Italian club Udinese, Eli Ohana, too, is staying in Belgium, with Mechelen.**
- **When Brazil beat Argentina 2-0 in the recent Copa America it was the 77th match between the two arch-rivals. Both have won 28 matches and 21 games have ended in draws since they first met in 1914.**
- Ecuadoran defender Holger Quinonez will play for Rio's Vasco de Gama next season. Fellow-Ecuadoran star Alex Aguinaga will also play abroad — for Mexico's Club America.
- **Sredets beat Chernomorets 1-0 to win the Bulgarian Super Cup, between the league and the cup winners. 30,000 were in attendance and Stoichkov scored the winner in the 17th minute.**
- Dynamo Kiev superstar Alexei Mikhailichenko has been sidelined for the past eight weeks with a pulled groin muscle. Rumours persist he will join Juventus of Italy.
- **Barcelona confirmed their status as the world's biggest-spending soccer club when it was revealed at their recent AGM that their budget for the 1989/90 season was $50 million!**
- Italian club Cesena have signed Yugoslav international Vladimir Djukic from Partizan Belgrade on a two-year contract for $1 million. The 27-year-old striker joins countryman Davor Jozic at the club.
- **Luca Bonaldi, 18, was jailed for seven years for killing an AS Roma fan, also 18, in a brawl outside San Siro Stadium on June 4. Bonaldi, an Inter supporter, was also ordered to pay $65,000 in damages to the victim's family.**
- Torpedo Moscow, due to tour Australia in January, have reached the quarter-finals of the USSR Cup where their opponents will be Chernomorets, of Odessa. Torpedo are the Cup holders, having won the event in 1988.
- **A fourth international will join Sporting Lisbon, who are sparing no effort to capture the Portuguese title from arch-rivals Benfica this season. Midfielder Valtinho (ex-Braga and Gremio) will join current Brazilian national team stars Silas and Ricardo and centre-back Douglas.**
- Canada caused a major upset by beating Morocco 4-1 in Casablanca in the final of the soccer tournament of the first French-speaking Games. Even more impressive was the fact that Canada was represented by a team which did not include a single current full international. Morocco's too was a 'B' team.
- **The Dutch Federation cancelled the traditional Super Cup game which normally kicks off the season because they were afraid of incidents between supporters of rival clubs PSV Eindhoven and Ajax.**
- Tunisia have appointed a full-time national coach for the first time. He is Anton Piechnicez, a Pole, who replaces the sacked Mokhtar Tlili. Piechniczek coached the Tunisian side in last year's Olympic finals.
- **Mexican striker Carlos Hermosillo has joined Standard Liege. He will team up with Israeli Ronnie Rosental in the Belgian team's attack.**

Mozer 'sacked'

SWEEPER Jose Carlos Mozer was sacked from Brazil's national team after officials of his club, Marseille, urged him to return to France before the World Cup qualifier between Chile and Brazil.

"Since Mozer was only authorised to play Chile in Santiago, we decided to let him go," team official Eurico Miranda said.

Miranda, vice-president of Brazil's Football Association (CBF), said they were considering filing a protest to FIFA, world soccer's governing body, about the French club's action.

"The World Cup qualifiers are important for all teams. The French are not taking that into consideration and Mozer fears to be punished by his club. The French team officials have not been acting correctly with us," Miranda said.

Mozer, who is rated by coach Sebastiao Lazaroni as the world's top defensive player, arrived in Rio saying he had orders to be back in Marseille the day after the Brazil-Chile clash in Santiago.

Lazaroni had hoped to have Mozer for the remaining qualifying matches against Chile and Venezuela.

Mozer was recently transferred to Olympique Marseilles by Portugal's Benfica.

Marseille were also thinking of restricting new recruit Enzo Francescoli's appearances for Uruguay in their World Cup qualifiers against Bolivia and Peru.

Which is not surprising since the South American pair set them back $7.5 million in transfer fees.

AUSTRIA WINS

AUSTRIA moved into second place in their Group 3 European World Cup qualifier after a 2-1 home win against Iceland in Salzburg.

In a group where two teams qualify for the finals, the Soviet Union leads two points clear of Austria with four matches remaining.

Austria's next game is at home on September 6 against the USSR.

In friendly internationals played last week: East Germany v Bulgaria 1-1, Finland v Yugoslavia 2-2, Norway v Greece 0-0 and Belgium v Denmark 3-0.

ROMANIANS DEFECT

TWO Romanian players have been granted political asylum in Spain.

The two players are Marcel Sabou and George Viscreanu of the Dynamo Bucharest club.

The Romanian team, runner-up to Steaua in the 1988/89 League and Cup, was in Madrid taking part in the Villa de Madrid tournament.

Dynamo defeated Tottenham 3-1 and were beaten 1-0 by Atletico Madrid in their last game of the tournament.

Atletico won the series by accounting for Tottenham 1-0.

JUUL ELLERMAN — his PSV Eindhoven side got off to a great start in Holland and will be favourites to retain the title in 1989/90.

SUPER DUTCH STADIUM

NEWLY-promoted Dutch Premier (First) Division club Vitesse Arnhem are building the most modern football stadium outside North America.

Called the Eurodrome, it will be ready in time for the start of the 1991/92 season.

A multi-functional stadium wth a 45,000 capacity, the Eurodrome will feature a roof that can be opened or closed in 30 seconds and terracing that can be moved back to allow, say, pop concerts more room and there will be gates that can disappear into the earth at the push of a button.

Total cost of building the stadium will be $50 million, with the Dutch and local governments footing most of the bill.

Vitesse, for their part, will have to come up with $3 million a year for the next 10 years after the stadium is in use.

How does a club which last season averaged just under 4,000 spectators per home game manage this?

The answer is in the new stadium's "business seats" and corporate boxes and the rental charges for rock concerts, tennis exhibitions and the like.

West German architect and property developer, Josef Wund, the man behind the project, intends to build similar stadiums in Nice, France, Madrid and in Cologne, West Germany.

ZIMBABWE WALK-OUT

ZIMBABWE staged a mass walk-out in protest at the refereeing of their recent World Cup soccer qualifier against Ivory Coast.

The game was held up for 16 minutes when the Zimbabwean team walked off the field 10 minutes into the second half in protest at the Gambian referee's decision to award a penalty against them.

Two players were sent off for arguing, but the match resumed after officials intervened.

Ivory Coast kept alive their hopes of advancing to the next qualifying stage by winning 5-0.

JORGINHO BLOCKED

BRAZILIAN defender Jorginho will remain with Flamengo after a court blocked his move to Bayer Leverkrusen because the West German club's transfer fee was not big enough.

Brazil's Superior Sports Justice Court voted to support Flamengo's claim that the deal be annulled because the Germans "only" paid $1.1 million for the international right back's signature on a three-year contract.

Flamengo argued that, based on Jorginho's salary at Bayer, the transfer should have been $2.5 million.

Malaysia

Yugoslavs have been the flavour of the year.

Sponsorship has led to the champion club being awarded $250,000 and the runners-up $150,000.

There are nine clubs in first division and eight in second.

Average crowds are stated to be 15,000, with patrons coughing up the equivalent of $A4 for admission.

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